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Big changes in Thatcher's middle order

By Robin Oakley and Philip Webster

In the most extensive reshuffle of her two governments, the Prime Minister last night refashioned the middle ranks of her ministerial team for the run-up to the general election.

The Cabinet was left untouched, but she dismissed seven ministers in 33 changes. There are further changes to come.

Only on the formation of her second government in June, 1983, has Mrs Thatcher pruned her ministerial team so comprehensively.

Yesterday's reshuffle will please the radical Tory right but disappoint the "wets". Mrs Thatcher considered changes at Cabinet level but quickly discarded the idea.

recounting that after the changes forced on her earlier this year, a period of stability was needed.

But a central theme of the reorganization was a strengthening of Mr Norman Fowler's Department of Health and Social Security.

Conservative party chiefs had been alarmed at the success of the Labour Party's propaganda battle on health and Mr Fowler was reported last night to be delighted with the changes which move Mr Tony Newton, seen in Downing Street as a high-flyer, to the key post of Minister for Health. He replaces Mr Barney Hayhoe.

Mr John Major is promoted to Mr Newton's old job as Minister of State for Social Security. There are two well-

regarded newcomers to the same department, the outspoken Midlands MP Mrs Edwina Currie and the leading QC, Mr Nicholas Lyell.

One surprise was the appointment of Mr Peter Morrison to become an additional deputy chairman of the Conservative Party with the

specific task of gearing up the party machine and allowing the party chairman Mr Norman Tebbit more time to concentrate on government and Cabinet duties.

It was emphasized last night that Mr Morrison's move from the Department of Trade and Industry was not a demotion but a recognition of his administrative abilities.

The biggest blow for the party's liberal wing was the sideways move for Mr Christopher Patten from Minister of State for Education to the political backwater of Minister for Overseas Development. Mr Patten, who had been pushed by the Tory left as a potential successor to Sir Keith Joseph when he stood down at education, had been equally championed this time for the more glamorous post of health minister.

Although Mr Patten's move was described last night as expression of the Prime Minister's confidence in him and a development of his career, there will be scepticism among Conservative MPs.

Mrs Currie and Mr Lyell are two of the six newcomers to the Government named last night. The others are Mr Douglas Hogg, a former whip who becomes a junior minister at the Home Office; Mr Peter Viggers, who goes to the Northern Ireland Office as an under secretary; and two peers who move into the whips office in the Lords: Lord Heslth and Lord Beaverbrook.

Mr Rhodes Boyson, promoted to environment.

Mr Patten moving to overseas development.

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Mr Edwina Currie, the new under-secretary at the Department of Health and Social Security.

Funeral for victims in temple of death

From Mario Modiano, Istanbul

The victims of Saturday's terrorist attack on the Neve Shalom synagogue here were given a funeral yesterday at the same temple in which they were murdered.

The grisly evidence of the massacre was still all too obvious on the walls of the temple: broken windows, gaping holes in the domed ceiling and a clock which had stopped at 9.17, the hour of the attack.

Speaking to a large congregation of mourners, and officials, Mr Jak Veisid, lay leader of Istanbul's Jewish community of 20,000, called the attack "inhuman, insane and cruel".

President Reagan, in a message to the Jewish community, called the murders vicious and an attack on civilization. "We are resolute in our determination to put an end to such horrors in the future," he said.

During the funeral service, which was conducted by the Chief Rabbi of Istanbul, the cantor's plaintive recital of a psalm urging God to avenge the innocent, mingled with the stifled sobs of relatives. It rose to a tragic chorus of wailing when the names of the dead were read out one by one.

In the narrow street outside the synagogue thousands had massed around the 19 green hearses on which the coffins had been laid. The bodies of two other victims, both Iranian Jews, were flown to Israel for burial.

The funeral procession drove out to the Jewish cemetery at Armutkoy, four miles to the north of the city. The 19 bodies were buried in alphabetical order at one end of the

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Disaster led to new orders for pilots

By Peter Davenport

British Airways has issued new instructions to its pilots for handling emergencies in the aftermath of the Manchester airport disaster, the inquiry on the 55 victims was told yesterday.

Flight commanders have been ordered to assume the worst in any incident and bring the aircraft to an immediate straight-line halt.

Captain Peter Terrington, captain of the British Airways Boeing 737 which burst into flames just before take off from Manchester on August 22 last year, told the third day of the inquiry that prior to the disaster, instructions to pilots were to clear the runway.

He and his co-pilot, Mr Brian Love, first thought that the engine explosion was a burst tyre and they eased the initial, full emergency braking to avoid further damage to the wheels and to taxi off the runway.

Earlier in evidence, Mr Love had agreed that in hindsight it would have been better to have continued maximum braking to bring the jet to a quick halt.

The inquiry also heard yesterday that British Airways and other airlines had modified aircraft exit doors to

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Hurd to move on violent crimes

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, is preparing to unveil moves which will increase pressure on judges to impose tougher sentences for violent crimes, including rape.

The guidelines already given by the Court of Appeal to lower courts about sentencing policy are to be made public and periodically reviewed, making it more difficult for judges to ignore them.

Under plans expected to be announced by Mr Hurd at the Conservative Party conference, the Judicial Studies Board, which is responsible for passing Court of Appeal guidance to the judiciary, will be given a statutory duty to assemble and publish for the benefit of judges and the wider public a document containing the guidelines as they apply to offences and offenders.

Mr Hurd, speaking to a Conservative audience in Hendon, north London, last night, said that public outrage about violent crime should be reflected in the sentences handed down by the courts.

The Home Secretary is understood to share the concern voiced by Lord Lane, the Lord Chief Justice, that some judges have been ignoring the guidelines and imposing too lenient sentences.

His move comes after the defeat of the Government's attempt in 1985 to give the Attorney General the right to refer controversially lenient sentences to the Court of Appeal.

In his consideration of proposals for the Criminal Justice Bill to be introduced in the next session of Parliament, Mr Hurd has pondered whether to reintroduce that provision or give the Court of Appeal the power to increase a sentence.

Instead he has decided to build on and give statutory force to the existing guidelines system, believing that will reinforce sentencing policy and public confidence.

Mr Hurd also confirmed that the Government is to extend its powers to confiscate the profits of drug dealers to cover the proceeds of other violent and profitable crimes.

A warning about the dangers of overcrowded jails was given by Mr Hurd yesterday (Peter Evans writes).

"The truth is that you cannot run a prison in a way that is tolerable to staff and inmates, or indeed safe for the public, if you acquiesce in present levels of overcrowding," Mr Hurd, who was opening the new Prison Service College at Newbold Revel, near Rugby, said. The Government accepted the need to avoid custody as far as possible for non-violent offences.

Daniloff puts forward a compromise

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

Mr Nicholas Daniloff, the American correspondent imprisoned by the KGB, has proposed a diplomatic compromise to prevent super-power relations from deteriorating further because of his arrest on August 30.

The first details of the indictment read to him at a military tribunal on Sunday in an annex of Moscow's grim Lefortovo prison show that the spying charges are more serious and far-reaching than expected.

The charges under Section 65 of the Soviet Criminal Code involve the alleged provision of "economic, political and military information" to

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the US "special service" between 1982 and 1986; involvement in a CIA operation here in 1983; and a catch-all charge of participation "in other espionage activities". They carry a maximum penalty of execution by firing squad.

Yesterday Mrs Daniloff's British wife, Ruth, said she had proposed that he and Mr Gennady Zakharov, the Soviet physicist charged with spying in New York, should be released on bail into the custody of their respective embassies in Moscow and Washington in advance of next week's crucial meeting of the Soviet and US foreign ministers.

Details of the compromise were outlined to Mrs Daniloff and a US consular official when they met the correspondent in jail on Tuesday. The suggestion is understood to be

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Shark attack

Return of the Great White Shark: Open champion Greg Norman leads the challenge at the European Open at Sunningdale

900 to lose mine jobs

The Coal Board announced that nearly 900 miners are to lose their jobs with the merger of two Scottish pits. The linking of Bilton Glen, near Edinburgh, and Monktonhall, five miles away, comes after the two pits have lost £60 million during the past five years

BMA doubts

The Labour Party's charter published yesterday to give patients better access to good health care, and to abolish prescription charges, has been criticized by the British Medical Association

King meeting

Mrs Coretta King, widow of Dr Martin Luther King, flew to Johannesburg from Cape Town for a meeting with Mrs Winnie Mandela, wife of the jailed African National Congress leader, Mr Nelson Mandela

Rock protest

Nearly six weeks after Britain withdrew its ceremonial guard at the Spanish frontier, Gibraltar has protested to Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary

Hailsham call

Lord Hailsham, the Lord Chancellor, proposed a package of reforms to speed trials, including "cards on the table" disclosures by lawyers in criminal cases

Keeping Portfolio in the family

A mother and son discovered yesterday that they had become two of the three winners of yesterday's Portfolio Gold daily dividend of £4,000.

Mrs Ruth Algate, aged 62, from Histon, in Cambridgeshire, a retired medical social worker, said that she was overjoyed to discover she had won. "But when I found out my son had won as well I was incredulous."

Mr Fred Algate, from Byfleet, Surrey, who works as an engineer at British Aerospace, thought that there was

no point in checking his numbers after learning of his mother's good fortune.

Mr Barry Kirby, the managing director of Europoint who invented Portfolio Gold, said: "This has only happened once before in a family, and the odds against it are extremely remote."

The Algates share the prize money with Mr Geoffrey Ivey, aged 40, a university administrator, of Lewes, East Sussex.

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Mrs Ruth Algate and her son, Fred, hardly able to believe their luck in sharing the Portfolio Gold prize.

England are beaten 1-0 by Sweden

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BMA criticizes Labour Party proposals on family doctor services

The British Medical Association has criticized Labour Party proposals that give health authorities greater powers over family doctors.

The party's *Charter for the Family Health Service*, published yesterday, is designed to give patients better access to good health care.

It suggests that health authorities should have the power to appoint salaried family doctors and to provide "top quality" deputizing services.

It also repeats the party's pledge to abolish prescription charges which now bring in £160 million.

The charter says that a salaried GP service in inner cities and other health-deprived areas, which it would introduce on a pilot basis, would assist recruitment and planning a higher standard of service.

Where suitable doctors were not forthcoming it would be up to the health authority to provide a service. "Existing individual GPs or practices

that wish to become salaried will be encouraged to do so", the document says.

The party proposes that health authorities should be responsible for providing deputizing services because the present services were "haphazard and unsatisfactory".

In addition, it recommends that family practitioner committees responsible for overseeing primary health care, which were made independent of health authorities in April 1984, should be returned to those authorities.

The British Medical Association accuses the party yesterday of failing to understand how primary health care services were provided and the need for continuity. It condemned the proposal to re-integrate family practitioner committees into health authorities as a retrograde step.

"Health authorities have more than enough to do providing their patient services against a background of

diminishing resources. There are inevitable areas of conflict over priorities and the family health service could lose", the BMA said.

Doctors would not accept an extension of the salaried doctors service, which already operated in certain areas covering the homeless and the rootless in inner cities, it said.

An independent contractor service ensured that patients were treated free from state interference and that the GP was not "beholden to any political or administrative aims, or arms, or government".

The Royal College of Nursing welcomed the main thrust of the charter, which emphasizes the need for more health promotion and illness prevention programmes.

But it claimed that common complaints by patients, cited in the document, such as difficulties of talking to their doctor about their problems, would be overcome by the introduction of the nurse practitioner.

ing, in London, many students explained how the training scheme had "turned the tide of their careers".

By Trudi McIntosh

But work experience at a car assembly plant and an export firm had taught her how to mix with people.

Miss Ursula Russell, head teacher at the Hayesfield Comprehensive School in Bath, Avon, said the course had made a world of difference to the career chances of Stuart Tate, aged 17, a former student from Culverhay School, which ran the course jointly with Hayesfield.

"He was the ideal CPVE student who hadn't done well academically but had plenty of

potential for a career in management."

He said: "The course gave me the confidence I needed and now I have got a full-time job in the sports retail trade in Bath."

Mr Baker said that 45,000 students in England would take part in the second course during 1986-87.

He praised the Joint Board for Pre-Vocational Education, which developed the scheme, and parents, employers and teachers for encouraging the students.

Dr Acres said the scheme must save courts' time, but it would apply only where there had been a single offence. In many instances there was more than one offence charged and they would still go to court.

Half a million cases will be taken out of court, it is estimated, by the new fixed-penalty scheme and the fast spreading Vehicle Defect Rectification Scheme.

Under the scheme, a police officer seeing a defect on a vehicle issues the driver with a ticket to get it repaired within 14 days. He can have the vehicle repaired anywhere, but he must get his ticket stamped by a garage empowered to do an MOT test.

High scorers

The number of polytechnic students gaining first class degrees rose by 20 per cent to a record level this year. Figures released yesterday showed that 1,395 graduates, or 4.6 per cent, gained firsts, compared with 3.9 per cent last year.

Brunel degrees

Degrees awarded by Brunel University will be published tomorrow.

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Hailsham in call for 'cards on table' disclosures by lawyers

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Longer and more frequent sittings by judges and "cards on the table" disclosures by lawyers in criminal cases were among several reforms to speed trials called for by the Lord Chancellor, Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, yesterday.

But he said that he saw "no prospect in the immediate future" of a fall in the rate of increase of business in the civil and criminal courts.

One reason was the legal profession with its "too many sacred cows", which Lord Hailsham attacked as one of the "obstacles to rational reform" of court procedures.

In civil and criminal cases, lawyers "waste a great deal of time and money by playing their cards too close to their chests", Lord Hailsham told the Commonwealth law conference in Jamaica.

Another problem was the "depressing trend" of an increase in the volume of business in civil, criminal and matrimonial cases, he said.

In the criminal courts the rise in the number of cases "seems remorseless" and between 1979 and 1985 the workload rose by 65 per cent. Last year the rise was more than 11 per cent.

In spite of making the speedy disposal of business in

the civil and criminal courts one of his highest priorities, he had been "conspicuously less successful" in his present term of office than in his first from 1970 to 1974, when he had had a "considerable measure of success".

Speeding up trials consisted partly of the "backbreaking and extremely expensive" business of finding new sites for courts and building them, he said. There was also the "difficult task" of appointing judges of suitable quality to sit in them.

"The salary of a judge, even with the security of a pension, is not comparable with the highest earnings of the Bar, and no self-respecting Lord Chancellor will be content with second-rate judicial appointments."

The task would be much easier in a few years' time when the greatly increased numbers in the profession reached maturity.

The Lord Chancellor urged several reforms to speed trials. In the civil and criminal courts there was room for greater initiative and control by judges over the time taken for cases to proceed.

Second, lawyers' heads "needed to be knocked together" in pre-trial procedures where the real issues at

stake were identified, even if that meant both sides disclosing their evidence before the hearing.

He added that, for criminal cases, he supported the proposal made by Lord Roskill in his recent report on fraud trials, that the defence should not be allowed to withhold "reasonable admissions".

More could also be done to reduce argument and evidence to a document.

The profession had "too many sacred cows". Many of the legal system's established rules, practices and structures dated from a century or more ago and were not necessarily suited to deal with possible threats to civil liberty today.

The aim of court procedure must be to encourage civil claims to be settled, unjustifiable prosecutions to be aborted and indefensible crimes to end in a plea.

"In criminal cases it should clearly be understood that pleas of guilty should usually carry a discounted sentence, and in civil cases, settlements in the interests of both parties should likewise be an object of public policy."

In family cases, conciliation and agreed orders should be encouraged "both from public policy and humanitarian reasons", he said.

Pet shop man fined £200 over rare newts

A pet shop owner was fined £200 yesterday for illegally possessing and offering for sale Great Crested Newts.

Magistrates in Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, were told that the "rather attractively coloured creatures" are protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act, 1981.

Mr Paul Waterworth, for the prosecution, said that last April James Taggart, aged 66, who runs the Chandos Aquarium and Water Garden Centre in the town's High Street, had the newts on sale for 85p each.

After a warning from an RSPCA inspector he put up a notice saying that they were not for sale and said he would apply for a licence to keep them.

But he did not do so and when Mr Ian Sylvester, a zoologist from the Nature Conservancy Council, visited the shop later in the month he saw 15 Great Crested Newts on display.

When he returned with the police later that day there were only nine newts left, although Taggart denied selling the others, saying that they must have escaped.

Great Crested Newts are protected because their numbers have declined since the Second World War.

The newts from Taggart's shop have been returned to a pond on the outskirts of Leamington.



Miss Karen Saunders and Mr John Thorne entering the spirit of the game when they donned Edwardian costume for a Hurlingham Club croquet tournament in aid of the NSPCC (Photograph: Hugh Routledge).

More food mountains predicted by Lords

By Sheila Guna, Political Staff

Higher mountains of unwanted food within the EEC are predicted by a House of Lords committee report published today.

The committee, chaired by Lord Gallacher, gives a warning that plans to reform the common agricultural policy and cut surpluses are badly flawed and contradictory.

It picked out for particular criticism the EEC scheme to encourage farmers aged over 55 to retire.

"Far from reducing surplus production, the implementation of a pre-pension scheme could add to the surpluses because new entrants with heavy borrowing commitments are likely to farm as intensively as possible", it said.

It was unlikely to entice more of Britain's 100,000 eligible farmers to give up. Those taking advantage of the scheme would probably be those who had decided to retire.

The committee came out firmly against the idea of leaving farm land to go to scrub. Conservation should be through farming and not instead of it, it said.

"The Commission has tried to achieve too much with the limited money available", it concluded. "In its anxiety to instigate reform the Commission is tending to confuse its objectives and to diffuse its limited funds."

The Lords said that witnesses piled "metaphor upon metaphor" in arguing that the proposals tried to deal with surpluses, agricultural support and improved efficiency, the quality of food and the environment, all at the same time.

The committee added: "We believe that it would be easier to achieve some results if the Commission were to make up its mind what the primary bird is, instead of trying to kill three birds with one stone."

House of Lords Select Committee on the European Communities 20th Report: Socio-Structural Policy in Agriculture (Stationery Office: £10.80).

Video chief to be head of Open College

Mr Michael Green, aged 38, head of Carlton Communications, Europe's biggest television and video services company, was named yesterday as chairman of the new Open College of the Air.

Announcing the appointment at a press conference in London, Lord Young of Graffham, Secretary of State for Employment, said he was sure that "his impressive business skills, deep knowledge of the rapidly developing world of broadcasting technology and enthusiasm for the potential of open learning" would ensure the success of the Government's new venture in helping workers to improve their skills through the media.

Mr Green, who is not an educationist by training, conceded that he was a surprise choice for the job.

"I hope it will help me to take an objective view", he said. "There is a real need for the Open College."

"The number of people who get involved in any kind of education and training after school is far too small."

The Open College, which will be run along the lines of the Open University, but with a much smaller staff, aims to attract a million students during its first five years. It will provide vocational courses below degree level, using television, particularly Channel 4.

Several big companies have been approached about funding and sponsorship and, according to Lord Young, had shown a "tremendous interest" in the project.

Riot arson case man faces a retrial

A jury was unable yesterday to reach a decision in the trial of the alleged Handsworth riot petrol bomber, James Hazell, and he faces a retrial.

The jury at Birmingham Crown Court had spent eight hours considering its verdict and a night in an hotel.

Mr Hazell, aged 30, of Winslow Green, Birmingham, who has been identified as the petrol bomber by pictures on the front page of a national newspaper.

A second defendant, Aaron Palgrave, aged 21, of Handsworth, Birmingham, was convicted by a unanimous verdict on the three charges he faced of arson, possessing an explosive and causing an explosion.

Palgrave was shown in press photographs handing a petrol bomb to another man who threw it at a building, causing £20,000 worth of damage. He was jailed for five years.

International beer test

More than 3,000 invitations are being sent to breweries throughout the world for a beer competition to be staged next March in Burton-on-Trent, centre of British brewing.

The competition will be judged in Burton and the awards will be presented in June at an exhibition in Earls Court, London, where more than 200 exhibitors have already booked 80 per cent of the space.

Nuclear plant shut down

A nuclear power station at Hartlepool, Cleveland, was closed yesterday for two weeks of repairs after the discovery of a steam leak in pipework outside one of the plant's two reactors.

The Central Electricity Generating Board said: "The steam was not radioactive and none of the staff was affected". The station's other reactor was already closed for statutory maintenance.

PC's treasure

Police Constable Peter Cracknell, aged 34, who dug up 55 gold and silver ancient coins with the help of a metal detector near his beat in Ludgershall, Wiltshire, could be £7,000 richer after an inquest yesterday declared them to be treasure trove.

£5,000 dog

A couple in Harborne, Birmingham, are prepared to reduce by £5,000 the price of their £70,000 house for a purchaser who is also willing to take Jasper, a cross-bred otter hound they are having to leave behind.

Kendall sale

Miss Kim Kendall, the actress sister of Kay Kendall who died in 1957, and her husband have bought the lighthouse at Withernsea, Humberside, the town where the sisters were born. They paid £55,000.

Man jailed

Saied Montegemi, aged 34, of Gateshead, Tyne and Wear, admitted insulting behaviour to a boy aged 12 outside Buckingham Palace on August 7, and was jailed for two months by Bow Street Magistrates' Court yesterday.

Angling curb

Anglers using lakes and waterways owned by West Sussex County Council are to be banned from using lead sinker weights of up to 14 grams to protect swans from lead poisoning.

Firemen's bell

More than 50 senior fire officers, attending the Fire '86 Exhibition in Glasgow, had to evacuate the city's Hospitality Inn yesterday when fire broke out.

Buoyant house prices 'to last two years'

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

House prices must inevitably fall in real terms, but not for another two years, according to an economist writing in this month's issue of Lloyds Bank's economic bulletin.

Mr Patrick Foley, the bank's regional economist, says that nominal prices are much less likely to fall, and rejects the suggestion that the present boom in prices, particularly in London and the South-east, might soon be reversed.

He says that, despite sharp rises, house prices are not abnormally high and recent increases are small compared with those during property booms in the 1970s.

In July this year prices were up by 14 per cent for the country as a whole compared with the corresponding month last year.

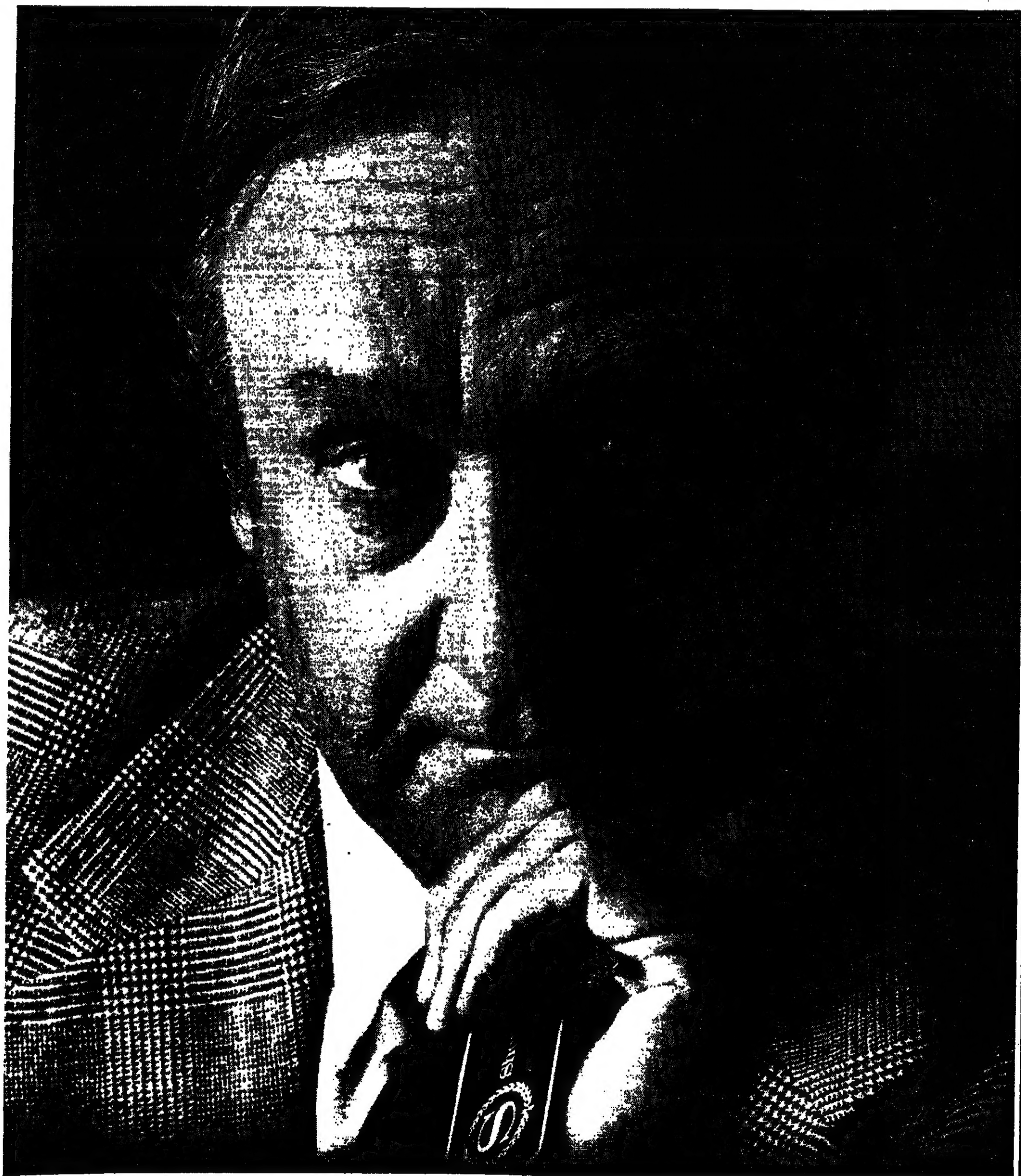
In the third quarter of 1979, prices were 31 per cent higher than a year earlier and in the first quarter of 1973, the

increase in the year was 50 per cent.

Since the beginning of 1982, however, prices have been rising in real terms and are now higher than at any time since 1973, leading some observers to suggest that the present boom is likely to be reversed and to blame the easy availability of credit for pushing prices unnaturally high.

Mr Foley argues that change in disposable income is the main factor determining house price movements and a comparison of house prices with disposable income shows the present level of prices to be only just above its 30-year average.

He predicts that over the next two years the recent rapid increase in disposable income will be less marked and, as inflation rises during the same period to about 5 per cent, there will be a slowing of house price inflation to a level that will show a reduction in real house prices.



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Howe fears effect of Daniloff arrest on Gorbachov's reforms

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, yesterday said the continuing Soviet detention of Nicholas Daniloff, the American journalist, "seems inconsistent with their proclaimed wish for a serious summit".

Sir Geoffrey told a press conference at the end of two days of top-level talks with the Reagan Administration and congressional leaders, which were preoccupied with the superpower crisis over Mr Daniloff. "Nobody knows for sure whether it is a deliberate attempt to sabotage the prospects of a summit or whether

it is the consequence of ill-judgement or clumsiness." The US was right not to allow itself to let the affair distract it from the long-term task of pursuing improved relations with the Soviet Union.

"The worry in my mind is that Mr Gorbachov's new broom risks being smashed by old Soviet-style reflexes," he added.

On South Africa, the other key subject of Sir Geoffrey's talks, he expressed continuing scepticism about the impact of sanctions against South Africa, despite the European

Community's imminent decision to impose a range of tougher new penalties.

He said it would be sensible to co-ordinate EEC sanctions with any new measures the United States might impose, although he emphasized the enormous difficulties of doing so.

Even if there was precise co-ordination between the European Community, the US and Japan, other trading nations would seek to outwit them. "A number of us are sceptical about the effectiveness of sanctions."

Foreign Ministers of the European Community meet in Brussels next week to decide on specific new measures against South Africa.

Sir Geoffrey was in Washington both as Foreign Secretary and as President of the Council of Ministers of the European Community. He held two hours of talks on Tuesday with Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, followed by a working dinner, which dealt with southern Africa, terrorism, the Middle East and trade relations between the European Community and the US.

Sir Geoffrey said he had put forward ideas for improving overall consultation between the US and the Community.

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Sir Geoffrey Howe and Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, after their talks in the State Department.

Opposition boycott threat in Nicaragua

From Alan Tomlinson, Managua

Opposition parties in Nicaragua are threatening to take no further part in drawing up the country's new constitution unless the Government comes to a broad agreement with them over the nation's political future.

Half the Opposition deputies stayed away from a ceremony in the National Assembly on Tuesday at which the Government presented a revised draft of the constitution for debate.

The gesture was clearly aimed at embarrassing the ruling Sandinistas in front of invited foreign diplomats.

The Government has described the new constitution as the first in which the genuine interests of the people are being considered, and has pointed to the year-long process of public consultation as evidence of the fundamentally democratic nature of the Sandinista revolution.

The Sandinistas are hoping the constitutional process will help them recover some of the international prestige lost when right-wing parties boycotted general elections two years ago, alleging fraud.

Now five of the six moderate and left-wing parties, which ran in the election and occupy a third of Assembly seats, say they will boycott the constitutional debate unless the Government agrees to resolve beforehand some of the deep political differences dividing the country.

Parties across a broad spectrum from Conservatives to Communists want the debate postponed until a consensus on the country's future has been reached in talks with all parties.

They are not, however, proposing that American-backed rebels, known as the Contras, should join the negotiations at this stage. This has been a stumbling block to earlier calls for national dialogue.

"The constitution *per se* will not resolve the national crisis, as it cannot operate effectively unless it is the product of political agreement between parties," said Señor Virgilio Godoy, leader of the Independent Liberals.

"The crisis is not only political, it is economic, social, even religious."



President Ortega of Nicaragua presenting his country's highest award to the Indian Prime Minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, for support given to his Government, at a ceremony in Delhi.

Summit on Middle East may go ahead

The Egyptian Prime Minister, Mr Ali Lotfi, said in London yesterday that conditions for the arbitration of the Taba border dispute with Israel, which has held up an Egyptian-Israeli summit, could be settled by today (Reuter reports).

Mr Lotfi cut short a private visit to Britain a day early to return to Cairo, amid speculation that the summit could be imminent.

He said "some technical points remain to be settled today or tomorrow" and that the way would then be clear for a summit between President Mubarak and the Israeli Prime Minister, Mr Shimon Peres, to go ahead.

Rohmer wins at Venice

Venice (Reuters) — The French director Eric Rohmer's film *Le Ruyon Vert*, a gentle love story, won the Leone d'Oro (Golden Lion) award for best film at the Venice film festival.

The award for best actress went to Valeria Golino for her role in the Italian film *Storia d'amore*, while Carlo Delle Piane was judged best actor for *Regalo di Natale*.

Banned poet

Moscow (Reuters) — A volume of verses by Nikolai Gumilyov, a banned Russian poet who was shot as a counter-revolutionary in 1921, is to be published in the Soviet Union.

Animals out

Helsinki (Reuters) — Circus in Finland will not be allowed to feature elephants and other big wild animals in their shows from next month under new anti-cruelty regulations.

Forgotten men

Peking (Reuters) — One day after the tenth anniversary of the death of Chairman Mao Tse-tung, the Government announced that death anniversaries for Chinese leaders will no longer be marked, although their birthdays will be commemorated.

Feeling fit

Taipei (Reuters) — Taiwan has unveiled its first locally-made and designed car, the 1800 cc Feeling-101.

UN urged to keep human rights body

From A Correspondent, Geneva

The United Nations should not be allowed to scale down its investigations in the field of human rights simply because of a financial crisis, a three-day meeting of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) decided here yesterday.

But the meeting, called to protest against cancellation of the 1986 UN sub-commission on prevention of discrimination and protection of minorities, failed to come up with any concrete proposals for re-instituting the meetings.

Instead it called on all NGOs present to bring "maximum pressure" on the governments of their home countries to make sure the sub-commission meets again the the future.

Seventeen of the 26 members of the sub-commission, an independent body which provides advice to the UN Human Rights Commission, were present. All agreed with Mr Peter Davies, director of the London-based Anti-Slavery Society, that the sub-commission should be re-convened.

Mr Davies told a press

State poll clash in Australia

From Stephen Taylor, Sydney

The start of the Queensland election campaign has brought a vitriolic dispute between the state and federal governments over allegations that Australia has been a launching pad for terrorism by such organizations as the PLO.

For the second day running, Mr Bob Hawke, the Prime Minister, denounced Sir Joh Bjelke-Petersen, the Queensland Premier, saying he had "a sick mind" and was unfit to govern.

Sir Joh, a long-surviving political maverick, replied that he had raised the question in the aftermath of the Karachi attack on an American airliner "to encourage public discussion" about the PLO office in Australia.

Canberra permits the PLO, the African National Congress and Swapo to have information offices.

The exchanges are the opening shots in a campaign that will be as tough as any in recent years. The poll is likely to be in November.

Eight Tamil guerrillas die in clashes

From Vijitha Yapa, Colombo

Eight Tamil guerrillas were killed in two separate incidents in Sri Lanka's Eastern Province on Tuesday, according to a Government communique.

At Konesamthurai the security forces killed five guerrillas preparing to blow up a bridge. Three were identified as belonging to the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam.

At Ambavelipuram, in Trincomalee district, three guerrillas were killed and three arrested in a clash with security forces searching for two abducted members of the Sinhalese community on Tuesday.

Canada files charges against refugee skipper

From John Best, Ottawa

The West German captain of the small cargo ship which cast adrift more than 150 Sri Lankan Tamil refugees off Newfoundland last month has been charged in his absence with two offences.

The charges were laid in St John's, Newfoundland, against Captain Wolfgang Bindel, aged 45, of Nordenham.

Two Sri Lankans living in West Germany, Vyramutha Rathnan, aged 37, and Mohammed Dawood-Lebbi, aged 39, have been charged in their absence on one count.

None of the alleged offences is extraditable, and it is doubtful whether the three will ever appear in a Canadian court.

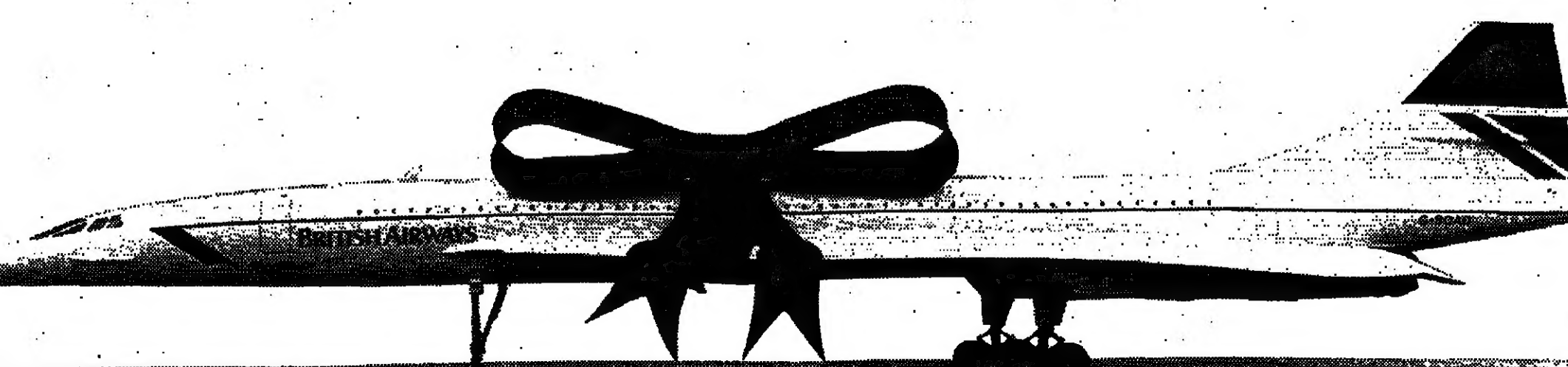
The refugees, plucked from two lifeboats by Canadian fishing vessels, have been allowed to stay in Canada for at least a year while they look for work.

Captain Bindel is charged under the Immigration Act with failing to present passengers on his ship, the Auriga, to a Canadian immigration officer for examination.

He and the two Sri Lankans are charged under the Criminal Code with conspiracy to commit the offence cited in the first count.

The charges carry a penalty on summary conviction of six months in jail, a \$Can500 (£250) fine, or both.

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Compaq is expected to be one of the first major personal computer vendors to introduce a 386-based system. Although the company will not say exactly when it will launch the new computer, industry reports suggest that it may come as early as next month. This would give Compaq an easy lead over IBM, which is not expected to introduce a 386-based computer until next year.

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Mrs King floundering out of her depth as South Africa trip ends

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

The American civil rights activist, Mrs Coretta Scott King, the widow of Dr Martin Luther King, flew to Johannesburg from Cape Town yesterday for an expected meeting with Mrs Winnie Mandela, the wife of the jailed African National Congress (ANC) leader, Mr Nelson Mandela.

Before leaving Cape Town, Mrs King, who is due to leave South Africa today at the expiry of the week's visa she was granted to attend the enthronement of Archbishop Desmond Tutu, had a 30-minute meeting with Dr Allan Boesak, president of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches.

Dr Boesak, a leading Coloured (mixed-race) church opponent of the Government, afterwards praised Mrs King's "very wise and very courageous decision" to cancel meetings that she was to have held on Tuesday and yesterday with President Botha and Chief Buthelezi, the conservative Zulu leader.

Mrs King said she was pleased "that we did not allow misrepresentations and misperceptions to destroy relationships between people with the same basic goals."

Dr Boesak and Mrs Mandela had said they would not meet Mrs King if she kept her appointments with President Botha and Chief Buthelezi. At first, Mrs King insisted, through her aides, that she would "talk to anyone" and that she had come here "to dialogue," a verbal usage which she seems to have coined.

It soon became clear, however, that Mrs King was not going to be allowed to dialogue with just anyone. Telephone calls from the Rev Jesse Jackson, backing Dr Boesak's and Mrs Mandela's position, reportedly added to the pressure on her. Archbishop Tutu also explained to her, as he put it, "the sensitivities of our particular situation."

Sanctions by Ottawa

Ottawa - The Canadian Government has ordered South African tourism and airline offices in the country to shut down by November 1 (John Best writes).

The move is part of a Commonwealth package of sanctions to end apartheid.

The November 1 deadline stems from an advertisement placed by the Toronto office of the South African Tourism Board in the *Toronto Globe and Mail*, offering Canadians a two-week tour of South Africa for \$2,894 (£1,440), during which they could "freely converse" with all racial groups and ask "tough questions".

A revered figure

Mrs King is a revered figure in the US as the guardian of her husband's memory and political legacy, but she has not inherited his power or influence, even among US blacks (Michael Binyon writes).

As head of the Martin Luther King Centre for Non-Violent Social Change, she appears at ceremonial occasions, lends her name to various black and civil rights causes and gives the keynote speech on the day, a national holiday, honouring him. Mrs King, however, does not wield any political power in the way that the Rev Jesse Jackson, Mayor Andrew Young and other black leaders do. Her current mission to South Africa is more a symbolic expression of black concern than an attempt to play a political role like Mr Jackson's recent tour of the area. Any talks she has with Administration officials here on her return would be mainly of a general nature.

Mrs King has been floundering out of her depth ever since she and her considerable entourage arrived here. They were clearly quite unprepared for the obstacles which her well-meaning but vague desire to meet "a broad spectrum" of South African leaders would encounter.

Government sources were crowing yesterday over what they see as a propaganda gift. The incident, they contend, confirms that Mr Botha is a reasonable man prepared to talk with anyone who eschews violence, while his radical opponents are opposed to dialogue. The sources said that President Botha's door was still open to Mrs King.

Mrs King's aides were still claiming yesterday that her decision to cancel her trip to Durban to meet Chief Buthelezi had nothing to do with political pressure but was because she was "exhausted," according to one, or was suffering from "a leg ailment," according to another.

● Appeals heard: In Bloemfontein, the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court yesterday heard appeals against conflicting judgements handed down on August 11 and 14 by full benches of the Supreme Court in Durban and Pietermaritzburg on the legality of emergency regulations providing for summary arrest and detention.

It could be some weeks before the Appellate Division delivers its verdict. If it finds the regulations to be unlawful, the courts will be flooded with applications for the release of thousands of detainees. These have been in suspension pending the appeals' outcome.

● Back to school: Thousands of Soweto pupils went back to school yesterday after a 10-day break, but most left school before noon. It remains to be seen whether the three-days-a-week boycott of classes, in protest against the presence of troops on school grounds, which was being observed before the break, will be resumed.



Election triumph for a Kennedy

Mrs Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, a daughter of the late Robert Kennedy, gives a thumbs-up sign, watched by her proud husband and children, Kate, aged two, and Meshan, aged eight, after winning a primary election in Maryland. She will now be the Democratic candidate for the House of Representatives in a suburb of Baltimore (Michael Binyon writes from Washington).

Her victory, with 82 per cent of the vote, is a considerable achievement, as she was trailing behind two other Democratic aspirants. One of her main campaign themes was the need to improve conditions for working married couples with children.

She campaigned under her married name, though the name Kennedy also appeared on the

ballot form. Meanwhile her brother, Joseph Kennedy II, is the favourite to win the primary next week for a key Democratic seat in Boston. Mr Kennedy, aged 33, the heir to a political legacy in the city, is campaigning for the seat that has been held for the past 34 years by Mr Thomas "Tip" O'Neill, the Democratic Speaker of the House of Representatives, who is retiring.

A dozen Democrats initially entered the race. Five have since dropped out, but spending by Democrats alone is approaching \$3 million (\$2 million), breaking Massachusetts records and making the election one of the most expensive in the history of the House. Mr Kennedy has outspent his nearest rival by a margin of two to one.

EEC draft budget cuts overseas aid to save farm cash

From Jonathan Brande, Strasbourg

Development aid, food aid, spending on transport and funds for agricultural infrastructure improvements were all cut in the first draft of the European Community's 1987 budget.

The draft was drawn up by budget ministers early on Tuesday as they attempted to safeguard funds for spending on farm support.

However, spending was increased on education, energy programmes and regional grants.

Mr Henning Christophersen, the EEC Budget Commissioner, immediately called on the Parliament to reverse the cuts in development aid because of what he called Europe's "moral and political obligation" to the developing world.

He said the budget ministers had cut aid to developing countries by £76 million compared with 1986, and by £138 million compared with the proposals by the European Commission earlier this year.

But Mr Peter Brooke, Minister of State at the Treasury, who chairs the budget ministers during Britain's six-month presidency of the Common Market, told the European Parliament in Strasbourg yesterday: "I am delighted that education expenditure is up, and research up by 15 per cent."

He called on the European Parliament not to exercise its right to increase the total budget by nearly £240 million, in an attempt to reverse some of the savings made by ministers.

He called on MEPs to enter into a "reasoned dialogue" with ministers in discussing the cuts.

● Milk curbs: Tough new measures to curb European milk production were proposed by the European Commission in Strasbourg yesterday, as milk output soared to more than one million tonnes above the official quota and butter stores topped 1.4 million tonnes.

The proposals, yet to be endorsed by EEC agriculture ministers, call for special powers to halt purchases of butter and milk powder stocks into EEC stores in unspecified "exceptional circumstances", and would cut surplus milk production by up to three million tonnes a year.

The new proposals would end the loophole which allows farmers in one region to balance surplus output against under-production elsewhere to reduce the punitive "superlevy" on over-producers.

Last year over-production in England and Wales in 1985 was balanced against shortfalls in Scotland, so that English farmers paid no more than a token levy.

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Zimbabwe doubt over pensions

From A Correspondent Harare

Zimbabwe's Minister of Finance, Economic Planning and Development yesterday declined to give assurances to Parliament here of continued annual payments totalling £28 million to 40,000 white pensioners living in South Africa.

Many of the pensioners emigrated to the former colony of Rhodesia from Britain in the 1940s and 1950s, retiring to South Africa.

If left destitute by Zimbabwean sanctions against Pretoria, most would return to Britain and look to the welfare state for support, observers believe.

An MP for Mr Ian Smith's conservative Alliance Party, Mr Mark Partridge, told the House of Assembly that the Prime Minister, Mr Robert Mugabe, had caused alarm among pensioners by twice raising the possibility of stopping remittances to South Africa.

The right to remit a pension abroad was entrenched in Zimbabwe's 1980 Lancaster House independence constitution, he noted.

The Minister, Dr Bernard Chidzero, said he was well aware of the effect that cutting pension payments would have on Zimbabwe's relations with the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, as well as the United States and Britain.

"That is why I regard this question as being deliberately mischievous and provocative," he said.

IRA men state case in Holland

From Robert Schull Amsterdam

The Dutch Supreme Court in The Hague yesterday heard Brendan McFarlane and Gerard Kelly, IRA members sentenced to life imprisonment in the United Kingdom, state their case against their extradition to Britain.

McFarlane, aged 34, and Kelly, aged 32, who escaped from the Maze prison in Northern Ireland with 36 others on September 25, 1983, were arrested in Amsterdam on January 16 this year.

On March 25 a court in Amsterdam decided that Kelly could be extradited but not McFarlane. Both the prosecution and the defence appealed against the ruling.

The Supreme Court yesterday heard evidence from the two men separately on the acts for which they had been convicted in the United Kingdom, and on their role in the escape from the Maze prison, to ascertain whether they are to be considered as political delinquents or as criminals.

McFarlane compared the situation in Northern Ireland to the German occupation of The Netherlands during the Second World War.

The lawyer for the two men, Mr Willem van Bennekom, has described the proceedings as a test case, which is being followed closely in other countries. The court's ruling is not expected before next year.



This reproduction of Aboriginal rock art found in northern Australia is believed to represent a diprotodon, a marsupial the size of a rhinoceros which has been extinct for 6,000 years. The drawing is thought to be 10,000 years old.

Pro-government parade in Santiago rivalled by lightning opposition protests

Repression and fear preside over Pinochet anniversary

From Lake Sagaris, Santiago

President Pinochet of Chile today is celebrating in an atmosphere of growing repression and fear the thirtieth anniversary of the military coup that brought him to power.

The ambush of the presidential convoy on Sunday was followed by the declaration of a state of siege, the round-up of left-wing opposition leaders and the banning of all opposition weeklies, along with the Reuters news agency.

Yesterday the military authorities also suspended the Italian news agency, Ansa, for transmitting "false and contentious news with respect to the armed forces".

Within 48 hours, three of those originally said to have been arrested were discovered shot dead in different parts of Santiago, leading to speculation that an El Salvador-style death squad was applying a policy of an eye for an eye.

Five members of President Pinochet's personal body-

guard were killed in the ambush.

Those killed after their arrest were Señor José Carrasco, foreign editor of the Chilean magazine, *Andrés*; a primary schoolteacher, Señor Gastón Vidaurrazaga, who was the son of a civil court judge; and an electrician, Señor Felipe Rivera.

By yesterday morning writs of *habeas corpus* on behalf of more than 60 people under arrest or in danger of arrest had been filed with the courts.

Among those applying for protection are the leaders of Chile's Human Rights Commission, several of whom have had their homes searched.

On Tuesday evening, as thousands of supporters of President Pinochet paraded along Santiago's main street, 27 exiles trying to enter the country were turned back at the airport.

The carefully planned march was preceded by a huge advertising campaign in all



President Pinochet, left, acknowledging the cheers of the crowd at a rally in Santiago, while his supporters strain against police lines to get a better view

daily newspapers and on television, with delegations brought in by the authorities from all over Chile.

Nevertheless, with about 40,000 participants, it was considerably smaller than a similar effort in 1983, and smaller than several opposition demonstrations.

Residents of some large urban slums are reported to have been paid to attend the pro-government march. At-

tendance was mandatory for all public service employees.

Anti-government demonstrations at several universities were suppressed by police and troops, who waved their guns menacingly and, in at least one case, fired at the students.

In spite of the heavily armed soldiers throughout the city and the usual array of water cannon and armoured cars used in suppressing

demonstrations, lightning anti-government protests took place at the same time as the pro-Pinochet parade.

The wife of the Christian Democrat leader, Señor Andrés Zaldívar, reported that afterwards a mob who arrived in about 40 cars attacked their home, injuring their daughter.

Patricio Manns, a popular Chilean songwriter and official spokesman for the Ma-

nuel Rodríguez Patriotic Front, said his organization was responsible for the attack on President Pinochet, the first of its kind in the history of Chile.

The British Ambassador in Santiago, Mr John Hickman, condemned the attack on President Pinochet and expressed the hope that the imposition of the state of siege would not slow the return to democratic rule.

Wellington refuses to release US papers

Wellington (Reuters) — New Zealand has refused to release diplomatic papers on its anti-nuclear row with the US, saying they are too sensitive. Mr Frank O'Flynn, the Defence Minister, told Parliament the documents dealt with "sensitive issues of international relations" and included papers from Washington which New Zealand had no power to make public.

France cuts the cackle

Paris — From October 1, a local telephone call will only last six minutes during peak hours instead of the present 20 minutes, though up to 18 minutes will be allowed during off-peak periods (Diana Geddes writes). At the same time, the cost per unit is to be cut from 77 to 74 centimes (7½p).

Train delays

Vienna — All international trains between Salzburg and Vienna were delayed yesterday when all 31 carriages of a goods train travelling from Hungary to Belgium were derailed near Steindorf in western Austria. Delays will continue for two days.

Eastern pact

Peking (Reuters) — The Soviet Union and China signed a new consular treaty after talks between the Chinese Vice-Premier, Mr Yao Yilin, and the Soviet First Deputy Prime Minister, Mr Nikolai Talyzin.

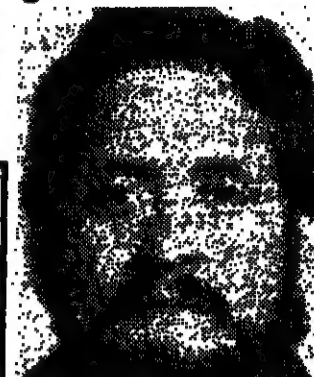
Escape fails

Berlin (AP) — Two people attempted to crash through an East German highway barrier to West Berlin with a car, but were arrested after guards fired a volley of shots. West Berlin police said.

Fatal fever

Moscow (Reuters) — A Soviet card player from northern Caucasus has been executed for murdering his partner's wife and month-old baby daughter with an axe in order to get more money to continue gambling.

Protest by Spanish journalists



Señor José Carrasco, above, foreign editor of the Chilean magazine *Andrés*, who was found shot dead at a Santiago cemetery after being arrested on Monday by men who said they were police.

The president of the Spanish Union of Journalists, Señor Luis Apostua, handed a protest note to the Chilean Embassy in Madrid yesterday, calling Señor Carrasco's death "a further example of the total disdain shown towards human rights in Chile" and criticizing the regime's "repressive, arbitrary and indiscriminate measures".

Iraq threat to raid Larak oil terminal

From Robert Fisk, Beirut

Iraq is now threatening to extend the Gulf War down to Iran's newest oil-loading station at Larak Island in advance of the expected Iranian offensive east of the southern Iraqi city of Basra.

Mr Abdul Jabr Mohsen, head of the political guidance department of the Defence Ministry in Baghdad, said that Iraqi jets would bomb the oil tankers which are moored and loading oil at Larak at the mouth of the Gulf and just off the Iranian naval base at Bandar Abbas.

Warnings from Tehran yesterday that Iran would attack commercial targets in Iraq if the Iraqis continued to use poison gas on the front, have only added to the profound sense of foreboding that both Iraq and the Arab Gulf states are experiencing in advance of the Iranian attack.

Hojatolislam Hashemi Rafsanjani, the Speaker of the Iranian Parliament, said on Friday that mobilization would reach its peak on Sunday, six days before the sixth anniversary of the start of the war.

Iraq's air raid against Sirri Island on August 12 forced the Iraqis to move their loading terminal all the way down

their coast to the rough waters opposite Hormuz, and to install new batteries of ground-to-air missiles there to protect their shipping.

Oil is brought down from the Kharg Island terminal, which is less than 100 miles from the front lines and frequently under Iraqi air attack, to Larak in a series of "shuttle" tankers. At Larak it is transferred at sea to anchored "mother" ships and then pumped onto the super-tankers which take the oil to Japan and Europe.

Both sides in the Gulf War are now trying to "soften up" their opponents before the attack which Iran has described as the "last" offensive of the war. Iran's assaults across the mountains of northern Iraq and Iraq's increasing air raids on Iranian economic targets are forming a natural prelude for the offensive.

They are also likely to grow in intensity. Air Marshal Hamid Shaban, the Commander of the Iraqi Air Force, has served warning that future bombings will be carried out "according to the (sic) plan and at the appropriate time... and will be as important as the latest air raids (on Sirri)".

Vienna and US mend fences

From Richard Bassett, Vienna

A public relations exercise aimed at repairing Austro-American relations in the wake of Dr Kurt Waldheim's election as President went into operation yesterday when he met a 30-strong delegation of businessmen representing the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce.

In a meeting which was hailed by aides of the President as proof of America's goodwill towards Austria, Dr Waldheim spoke of the great debt Austria owed the US for its aid after the devastation of the Second World War.

Mr Ronald Lauder, the US Ambassador, in an interview with Austrian journalists, confirmed that the passions which Dr Waldheim's wartime activities as a Wehrmacht officer in the Balkans had aroused were a thing of the past.

"The storm is behind us," Mr Lauder said. Dr Waldheim's meeting with the San Francisco businessmen is the first of several intended to encourage Americans to invest in Austria.

Labourers' leader avoids jail

From A Correspondent, Madrid

A court in Morón de la Frontera, southern Spain, has suspended a month-and-a-day prison sentence passed on Señor Diego Cañamero, leader of the landless farm labourers' organization, for occupying a farm in Andalusia in 1984.

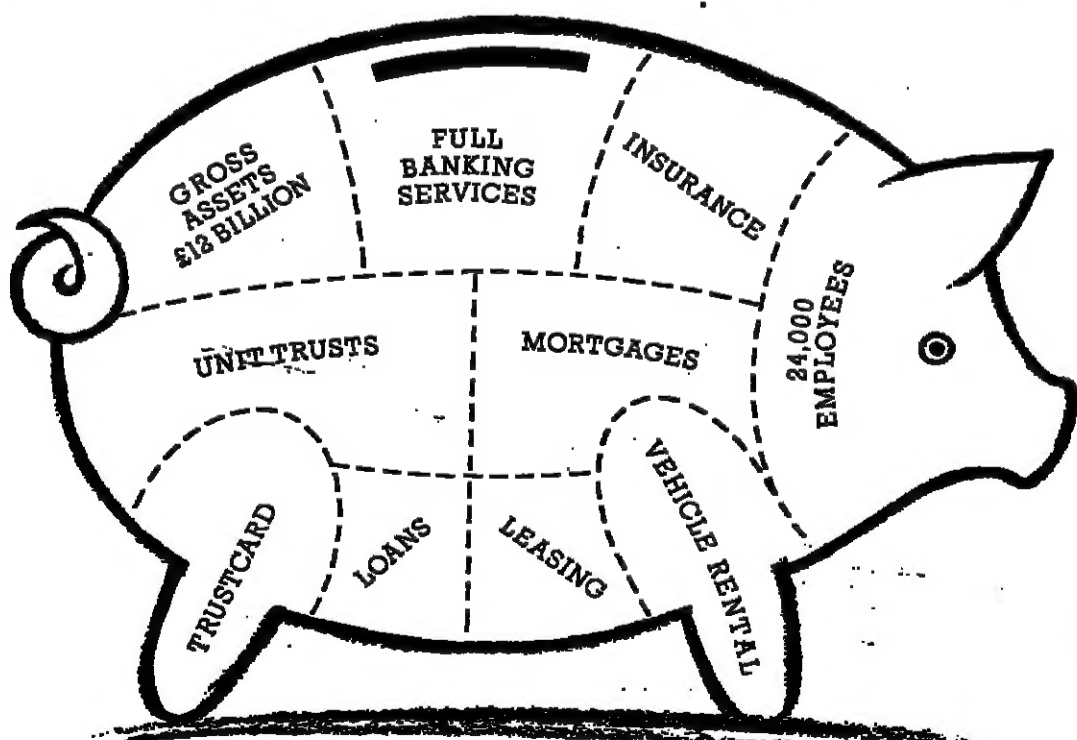
Señor Cañamero, who was holding a rally in Madrid yesterday, described the decision as "part of a victory, but not the whole one".

He and his supporters have been unsuccessfully pressing Señor Felipe González's Government to pardon 600 labourers who have taken part in land occupation.

He also wants the Socialist Government to introduce agrarian reform in Andalusia to relieve rural unemployment. Señor Cañamero's sentence was suspended on condition that he does not stage another illegal farm occupation for two years.

Despite this, he and 200 other labourers on Tuesday peacefully occupied a farm in the province of Madrid, owned by a bank and used exclusively for hunting.

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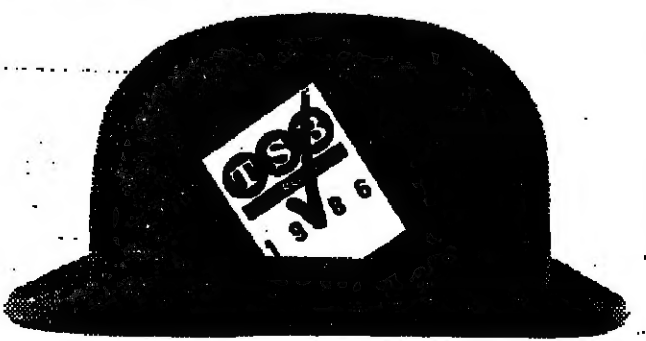
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France announces first three companies in £30bn state sell-off

From Diana Geddes, Paris

The massive denationalization programme of the French Government, involving 65 banks, insurance companies and industrial groups, got under way yesterday with the official announcement of the first three candidates for privatization.

The total value of the companies, representing 800,000 employees, has been put at anything between £20 billion and £30 billion.

As expected, the Government has chosen successful representatives of the three main categories in its privatization programme as its first candidates. They are:

● The St Gobain industrial group, specializing in glass and other building materials; 149,000 employees, profits last year 753 million francs (£75 million) on a turnover of 67.8 billion francs.

● The Paribas financial group, with 29,000 employees, profits last year of 2.7 billion francs on assets of 551 billion francs.

● The Assurances Générales de France (AGF), the second biggest French insurance company; 18,000 employees, profits last year 1.3 billion francs on a turnover of 21.3 billion francs.

Under the privatization law passed in great haste by Parliament last July, after President Mitterrand refused to sign the privatization decree, total foreign holdings in the newly-privatized companies will be limited to a maximum of 20 per cent, though that ceiling can be lowered by decree when national interests are deemed to be at stake.

In addition, the Government plans to use a "special shares" system, similar to the "golden share" used in Britain, to block individual holdings, French or foreign, of

more than 10 per cent. But that arrangement will come to an end after a maximum of five years.

Foreigners investing in companies involved in defence, public order or health must get government approval for any individual holding of more than 5 per cent.

To encourage worker participation, 10 per cent of shares will be offered for sale to employees of the companies to be privatized. Some kind of preferential rates or other special deal will almost certainly be involved, though how this will be done has still to be decided.

It has also not yet been decided whether the com-

pany will then be valued by auditors and an estimated market price put on it by a merchant bank, before the proposed sale price is examined by a special independent seven-man commission. The Government has promised that no company will be put on the market at below its estimated real value.

On the other hand, it is very anxious for the first privatizations to be seen to be successful and will therefore inevitably want to sell them at some slight discount without, however, running the risk of being accused "selling off the national heritage for a song".

as President Mitterrand has suggested the Government might do.

Even after the present denationalization programme, France will still have one of the largest public sectors in the Western world, including such important industrial concerns as Renault, Air France, the Aérospatiale aeronautics company and the CDF-Chimie chemicals group, as well as all the public utilities.

The present right-wing coalition has committed itself in the long term to privatizing all companies in the public sector, and some are now urging that the public utilities should be included too. The next few years will provide a good test of the right's professed commitment to liberalizing the economy and to ridding it of a long tradition of central government interference.



Mitterrand: fears sale of national heritage.

panies will be denationalized 100 per cent, or whether the Government will retain a minority share.

The Government now plans a big publicity campaign to launch its privatization programme and to encourage share ownership. At one time there were fears that so many companies coming up for privatization over such a rel-



Mrs Anna Hauptmann, widow of Richard Hauptmann, executed in 1936 for the murder of the baby son of the aviation pioneer, Charles Lindbergh, announcing that she is petitioning the New Jersey legislature to clear his name.

£40m suit over air collision

Los Angeles (Reuters) — Lawsuits were filed yesterday seeking \$60 million (£40.5 million) in damages for the relatives of five of the estimated 90 people who died in an air collision over the Los Angeles suburb of Cerritos.

Lawyers filed a Superior Court suit seeking \$40 million in damages for Mrs Belhazida Gutierrez, whose husband, Hector, died in the collision.

The suit was filed against the airline, the estate of the small plane's pilot and two radar and electronic tracking systems manufacturers and distributors.

They also filed a claim against the Government for \$20 million, alleging that it should have provided safer flight rules and radar.

S Korean minister in Tokyo

From A Correspondent Tokyo

The South Korean Foreign Minister, Mr Choi Kwang Soo, arrived in Tokyo yesterday for talks with his Japanese counterpart, Mr Tadashi Kuranari, which government sources said might not sweeten the bitterness caused by the remarks of the Japanese Education Minister, Mr Masayuki Fujio, for which he was dismissed this week.

Mr Fujio seriously offended the South Koreans by suggesting that the Japanese occupied Korea in 1910 with the complicity of the Koreans.

The sources said the foreign ministers' first meeting was not a happy one. Their talks continue today.

Military pledges loyalty to Aquino

From Keith Dalton Manila

President Aquino of the Philippines, buoyed by a pledge of loyalty and support from the military high command, yesterday presided over the first National Security Council meeting, called to resolve Cabinet squabbling over stalled peace talks with Communist rebels.

A "statement of consensus", signed by all 69 generals in the armed forces, pledged "to support fully, to remain constantly under, and to respond faithfully to (the) civilian authority" of the six-month-old Aquino Government.

The statement, described as unprecedented by Manila newspapers, was released a day after a rare meeting at military headquarters, led by the armed forces chief, General Fidel Ramos, and the four service commanders.

Its release appears to have been prompted by speculation about military loyalty in view of a feud between Mr Juan Ponce Enrile, the Defence Minister, and several Cabinet members over Mr Aquino's handling of peace talks.

The six-member council was summoned hastily to resolve the "public squabbling and name-calling", Vice-President Salvador Laurel said.

The loyalty pledge was made public hours before the council meeting, apparently to "clear the air" on where the armed forces stood, the Manila Journal reported.

"The new armed forces of the Philippines remain, as it has always been, an integral part of the Government, regardless of what its detractors say," the statement said.

● Holidays abolished: Two public holidays closely identified with Mr Ferdinand Marcos, the deposed President, have been revoked (Reuters reports).

September 11, Mr Marcos's birthday, was celebrated as Village Day. September 21 was the date he imposed martial law in 1972, known as National Thanksgiving Day.

● Suspect kills soldier: A suspected member of a Communist assassination squad escaped yesterday after shooting dead one soldier and seriously wounding another outside Defence Ministry headquarters in Manila, where he was being taken for questioning (Reuters reports).

Britain to join '30% Club' Call for further air pollution curbs

From Christopher Mosey, Stockholm

On the eve of an expected announcement by Mrs Margaret Thatcher that Britain would be cutting sulphur emissions by 30 per cent, an international conference on air pollution here called for still further reductions by the end of the 1990s.

The conference was attended by representatives of 16 countries from Western and Eastern Europe.

It also called for action to curb nitrogen oxide emissions, principally from car exhausts, a form of air pollution that has until now attracted less attention than sulphur, which gives rise to the so-called acid rain effect.

A last-minute change of heart by the Soviet Union, in withdrawing its previous insistence on the inclusion in the conference's final resolution of the need to prevent nuclear war and promote peace, allowed the conference to bring its three-day meeting to a close unexpectedly early yesterday.

Mr Richard Alexander, Conservative MP for Newark, who led the three-man British delegation, said he would be reporting the conference's findings to the Government as soon as he returned to London, and before Mrs Thatcher leaves for her visit to Norway.

In Oslo, she is expected to announce that Britain is joining the so-called "30 per cent club". There has been increasing bitterness in the Nordic area over Britain's unwillingness to join.

Fish and plant life in thousands of lakes and rivers in the area has been wiped out by acid rain, most of it carried by prevailing winds over the North Sea from Britain.

Another member of the British delegation, Sir Hugh Rossi, Conservative MP for Hornsey and Wood Green, who is chairman of the House of Commons select committee on the environment, said that since 1970 sulphur emissions in Britain had already been reduced by the switch from coal to natural gas, conversion to nuclear power and the run-down of some heavy industries.

He estimated that joining the "30 per cent club" would involve Britain in an actual emission cut of 8.9 per cent and would cost £170 million, which was the cost of the introduction of sulphur filtration equipment at three power stations.

He pointed out that Britain was ahead of many other countries in meeting the "new" nitrogen oxide threat, with recent decisions by Ford and Rover to build lean-burn cars, which have engines operating at lower temperatures and thereby cut nitrogen oxide and hydrocarbon pollution.

Sir Hugh said Nordic annoyance with Britain over acid rain was understandable and highly regrettable in its effect on previously excellent relations with Norway, but he pointed out that with the Clean Air Acts of 1956, which eradicated smog in London and cleaned up many other British cities, the country had led the way in curbing air pollution.

Syria to hold first mass vaccination campaign

Damascus (Reuters) — Syria will launch the Arab world's first nationwide vaccination campaign this week to protect more than one million children against six diseases, Syrian Health Ministry officials said.

Statistics compiled by the UN Children's Fund (Unicef) show that about 5,000 Syrian children aged under five die each year of polio, measles, whooping cough, tuberculosis, diphtheria or tetanus. These diseases account for about 13 per cent of deaths in their age-group.

The director of Unicef, Mr James Grant, and the president of the Arabian Gulf Fund, Prince Talal of Saudi Arabia, will attend the official start of the campaign.

Unicef will supply refrigeration equipment worth \$2 million (£1.3 million), and the Fund will provide \$1 million a year. The World Health Organization is also helping.

A Unicef official said that the campaign, the total cost of which might reach \$20 million, aims to increase the number of immunized infants aged under one from 30 per cent in 1985 to at least 80 per cent by the end of this year.

Uganda assembles anti-rebel force

Kampala (Reuters) — Four thousand men have been assembled in the northern town of Gulu by Uganda's National Resistance Army (NRA) for an offensive against rebels who control major roads, travellers from the north said yesterday.

The Financial Times, the independent Kampala newspaper, said the rebels had set up posts along the main routes between Gulu, scene of a rebel attack on August 20, Kitgum to the east and Moyo and Arua to the west.

It said the rebels, described by the Government as remnants of the disbanded Uganda National Liberation Army (UNLA), had ambushed Army lorries on these roads.

President Museveni said the rebels lost 50 men killed in the unsuccessful raid on Gulu, their most daring since the NRA took power in Kampala last January.

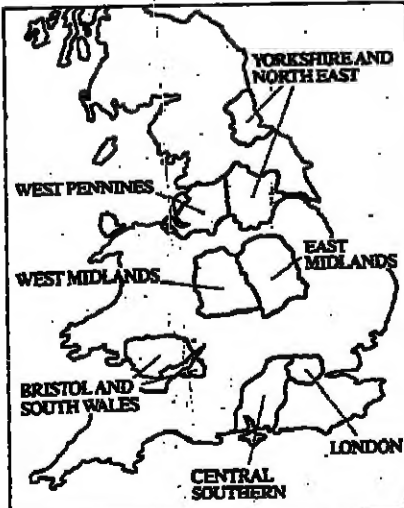
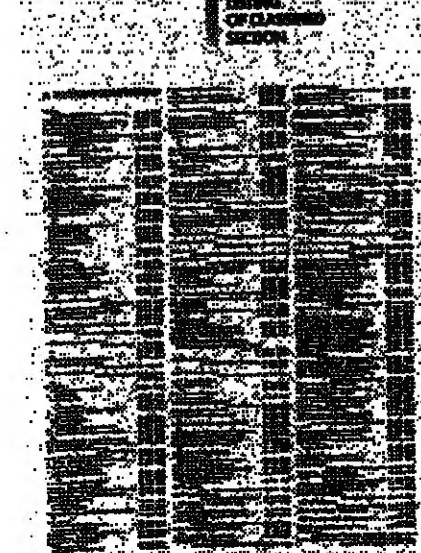
Rebel attacks on passenger trains have halted railway traffic between Kampala and the north-eastern town of Pakwach.

The Pakwach line passes through Gulu and the Acholi territory, heartland of UNLA opposition to Mr Museveni.

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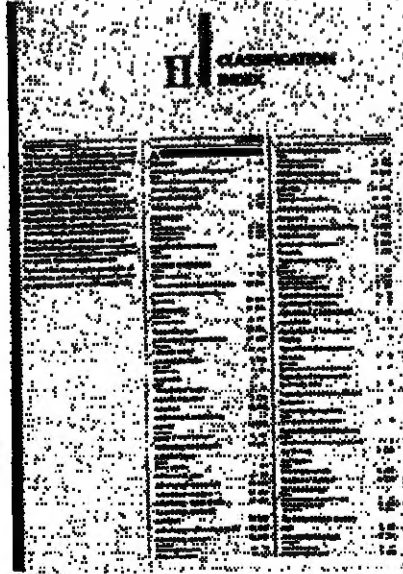
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THE TIMES DIARY

Paging Mr Pérez

In an attempt to avert a succession squabble, Britain is trying to dissuade the UN Secretary-General, Javier Pérez de Cuellar, from retiring at the end of his five-year term in November. In expectation of his departure, Africa, which feels it is its turn to fill the job, already has two contenders limbering up: Nigeria's Olusegun Obasanjo, of the Commonwealth Eminent Persons Group, and Ghana's Dr A.R. Khan, director-general of the UN Industrial Development Organization. Latin American countries, on the ground that it is customary for secretaries-general to serve two full terms, with US backing, to nominate Uruguay's foreign minister, Enrique Iglesias. My source at UN headquarters in New York suggests that the palliative British approach to de Cuellar is doomed. He has laid down two conditions for staying: the future stability of UN finances, due to be savaged by the Reagan administration's \$100 million cut, and assurance of an improvement in US-Soviet relations. Neither at present stands a chance of being met.

Slim line

British Rail, still bent on getting there, has chosen Oxford station as the first outlet for the health-conscious. With an engaging heartiness, it has dubbed a new range of fare, which includes high-fibre rolls, wholemeal quiches and Greek-style yogurt, "healthy treats." The station is also becoming what I can only call a tea junction, with rose hip and peppermint flavoured as a welcome alternative to the other stuff. "We are just trying to keep up with the times," says a BR spokesman. "We don't want people to think that we make curdy sandwiches any more." Perish the thought.

Poorhouse

Rave reviews tend to ensure the success of productions on Broadway. How sad that it should be an English show, *Nicholas Nickleby*, which furnishes an exception to the rule. Having returned with a new cast less than a month ago, apparently for a rerun of its earlier triumph, the Nunn-Edgar collaboration is running into serious trouble at the Broadhurst Theatre. Takers for the \$100 seats have so dwindled that unless there is a rapid upturn the show will close on September 28.

BARRY FANTONI



"I was queuing to pay twenty-four quid for speeding and got a parking ticket."

Ricochet

More ructions within the Federation of Conservative Students, whose foreign affairs committee has voted to send a get-well telegram to General Pinochet, recovering from the attempt on his life last weekend. "Utterly stupid," says the FCS chairman, John Berrow. "Pinochet is no hero of the Conservatives." He promises a roasting for the leading members of the committee, who are now away in Washington. Berrow, however, has his own hostile critics. Last week he was expelled from the federation's right-wing libertarian faction for being too critical of Harry Phibbs' recent attack on Lord Stockton over the forcible repatriation of Cossack prisoners in 1945. The ambitious Berrow, keen for a researcher's job with the Tories next year, and a squash opponent of the even more competitive Jeffrey Archer, is accused of ingratiating himself too much with the party leadership. His defence is that he was elected on the understanding that he would improve relations with the party. "And anyway, I am not playing squash with Jeffrey again until January," he tells me.

Plane tale

A novel twist to the end of a People Express flight from San Francisco to Newark, New Jersey, on Sunday. So strong were the tail winds that the aircraft arrived five minutes ahead of schedule, which meant that passengers watching the in-flight movie, *Hannah and her Sisters*, were left, as it were, up in the air. BA might take a leaf from the book of PE's obliging pilot, who offered his passengers the choice of watching the end of the film after the plane had landed, or else getting a précis of the final sequence as they filed through the exit door. Such are the time pressures for US jet-setters that the pilot himself rattling off his repetitions of the climax as his charges departed. I shall not tell you what he said in case I ruin the film for you.

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Editorial integrity in action

by J. Enoch Powell

On the title page of *No End of a Lesson* — *Leading Articles from The Times under the editorship of Charles Douglas-Home*, the preposition "under" is important. A reprint of leading articles published "under" an editor is not a personal record in the same sense as a reprint of somebody's speeches or essays would be.

Leading articles, in *The Times* as much as anywhere else, are collective products, and cannot be the exclusive utterance of any one individual, however strong-minded or influential. In a significant sentence in the foreword, the proprietor describes the editor "every evening around six o'clock at his desk, revising and heading the night's leaders."

Apart from his irresistible personal charm, Charlie Douglas-Home had two outstanding qualities. First, he was uncorrupt. In particular, he was immune to the form of corruption to which people in public positions are most vulnerable, the corruption of conventional expectations. The currently respectable view of a subject was simply one which he was prepared to examine on its merits along with any others. It

had no prior claim on his attention or his assent. The other quality was the one which had made him outstanding as a defence correspondent. He had the gift of thinking militarily, and one found it difficult to remind oneself that, given his age, he had never benefited from the experience of the reality of war; he thought and wrote as though he had, for he was a natural soldier.

The consequence was that he did not suffer from the civilian journalist's deference in the face of professional dogma. Our first contacts, his and mine, were between 1965 and 1968, when I was defence spokesman for the official Opposition, and I remember how refreshingly and reassuringly he could participate in sacrilegious scepticism about "East of Suez" — what was that? — or the paraphernalia of Nato nuclear theory.

Not all these excitements would necessarily be reflected, chapter and verse, in the leading articles published "under" his editorship. Charlie Douglas-Home was a professional journalist and a professional editor, highly so. He had the professional's quality of

understanding and respecting the limits of his own function. There is a *Times* personality. A *Times* leader has its own classic formula, which tempers with counterpoint and occasionally with ambiguity the implications of an original or minority or irreverent line of reasoning. Charlie as editor was the captain of a very special ship, and he placed his abilities at its service.

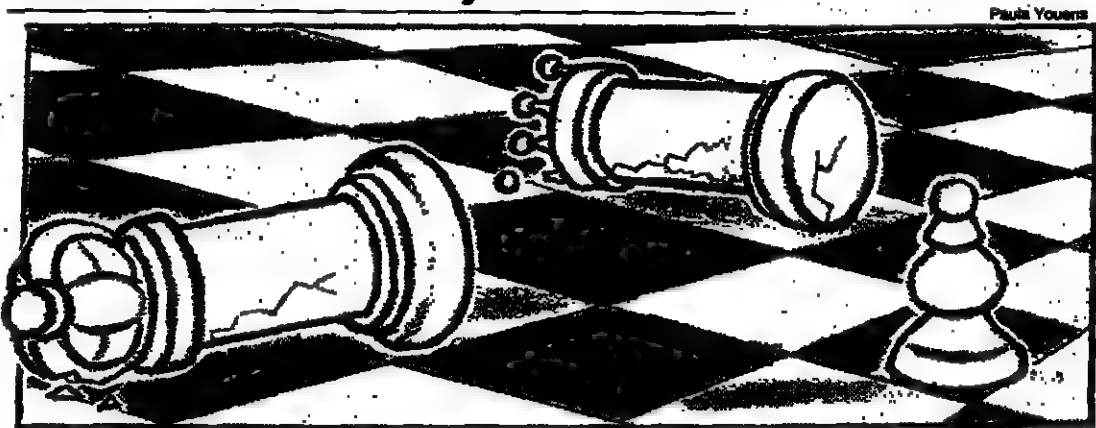
What Charlie Douglas-Home offered on behalf of *The Times* was not so much intellectual partisanship as intellectual hospitality. Under his editorship no interest and no point of view would be excluded *a priori* in obedience to influence or to convention or to sloth. When he died, among the many who lost a good friend were the people of Northern Ireland. His curiosity had been aroused and his interest provoked by the apparent contradictions and inconsistencies of government policy in that province, and he was addressing himself with characteristic tenacity to acquire his own understanding of what lay below the surface of the official presentation. To watch him at work was an object

lesson in editorial and journalistic skill and integrity.

A good half of the pieces now reprinted relate to the Falklands event and its repercussions upon Britain's defence thinking and posture. This strikes a fair balance both in the interests of Charlie Douglas-Home and in the historical scale. The Falklands war did more politically than secure (if it did secure) the re-election of a Conservative majority in Parliament. The questions which it posed about Britain and the British will long continue to be debated. Perhaps "We are all Falklanders now", the title of the first leader reprinted, would have been a more apt title of the collection than the five words of Kipling on the South African War. Part of the value of such a collection of documents as this is to provide irrefutable dated evidence of what people at a given moment actually thought they thought.

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Bernard Levin: the way we live now



Vengeful acid that eats away the soul

strongly that that is the better course. It does not lie in my mouth to remind Miss Keays of Christ's words on the subject of revenge, though I am tempted to quote them if only to draw attention to the wholly predictable silence of all the members of all the Christian hierarchies of Britain on any aspect of the Parkinson-Keays business, from the sternest condemnations against adultery to the gentlest advocacy of forgiveness. But perhaps I may, without offending the Reverend Struckdumps, offer her some Shakespeare, and urge her to consider joining that blessed company of "they that have power to hurt, and will do none."

The theme of mercy is extraordinarily strong in Shakespeare, and it is there almost invariably set in the framework I have laid out in my assumptions, taking the form of the renunciation of revenge even — indeed, mainly — on those who deserve vengeance. Shakespeare makes one of the reasons for this renunciation very explicit, in *The Merchant of Venice*:

Though justice be thy plea,
consider this,
That in the course of justice
none of us
Should see salvation. We do
pray for mercy.
And that same prayer doth
teach us all to render
The deeds of mercy.

If that will not serve, let me go on to *Measure for Measure* (the only one of Shakespeare's plays, incidentally, with a title from Christian scripture). The whole play culminates in a refusal to exact vengeance, and the wronged, Mariana (with whom Miss Keays

might well identify herself, pregnancy and all) has her honour restored amid the general forgiveness. Scholars have endlessly debated the meaning and symbolism of that play, but there could hardly be a clearer statement of Shakespeare's views on the subject of revenge than *The Tempest*, which is both his swan-song and the play in which he speaks more directly to the audience than ever before. Shakespeare, Prospero, even as he prepares to renounce his magic powers, renounces his revenge on those who trespassed against him, and when Alonso speaks of pardon, he brushes it aside:

There, sir, stop:
Let us not burden our remembrance
With a heaviness that's gone.
But it is in *Cymbeline* that he teaches most clearly the lesson that Miss Keays has so far not learned. In all Shakespeare, there is no man more grievously wronged than Posthumus, no man more deserving of punishment at his victim's hands than Iachimo. And when the knife is at the villain's throat, this is what wronged innocence says:

Kneel not to me:
The power I have on you is to
spare you:
The malice towards you to
forgive you. Live,
And deal with others better.

None of that may impress Miss Keays, but it is only half of the argument, and the other half is more urgent even if less important. To forgive wrongdoing enables the forgiver, but she is entitled to reject nobility. What she cannot reject, whatever the case, based on his behaviour,

against his return to office, are the inevitable consequences for her of continuing to thwart the man of whom she says that he is the only one she ever loved. If she does not learn now, she will learn far more terribly later that revenge is an acid, and that in the darkness of hate it eats away at the revenger, not at the revenger's enemy. I do not minimize the wrong she has suffered; indeed, my entire argument is based on recognition of that wrong. But to spend what is still after all, a comparatively young life brooding over a wrong is the surest way to a terrible emptiness of spirit, and if she continues to clutch to her breast the dead past, she will lose both the living present and the unborn future.

If she cannot find it in her heart either to forgive Mr Parkinson or to forget him, she is moving inexorably to a hideously lonely old age, and long before she gets there she will discover that she can no longer turn back even if she wants to. She will also find that her vengeance ceases to give her even the shallow satisfaction which is all that vengeance can give, and she will then be left with nothing at all.

Suppose the worst: suppose that — perhaps after another election victory for the Conservatives — Mr Parkinson is restored to high office, that his career prospers, that his fall is forgotten, that everywhere he goes he is admired and applauded. Which would she prefer, then — to rock in her chair with misery when he appears on the television screen, successful, rich and handsome, or to smile at him strutting across his newly-restored political lands, and switch off?

At the moment, clearly, it is the first. If it remains so, she will be heaping the coals of fire on her own head, not on his. But she has it in her power to extinguish them altogether, for him and her alike. And while she is making up her mind whether to do so, let her know that those coals, though they burn, give off neither fructifying heat, nor consoling warmth, and that those who ignore them are left in the end with nothing but dust and ashes.

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Ronald Butt

Countering the Kinnock dazzle

Neil Kinnock and his party have been enjoying an astonishingly good press, considering the extent to which most of their policies and social attitudes are known not to be the sort of thing most people want. The explanation should be a warning to Mrs Thatcher. It lies partly in the inevitable tendency of the communications media not only to respond attentively to what is new, but too often to do so as "fan" rather than sceptic.

The effect of this is not unlike that of the disproportionate attention given to new social and moral fashions — minority attitudes until they are magnified by the respectable attention they receive and then copied more widely. When a new political leader seems to be saying something new, he is heard with special attention by virtue of the newness itself, especially when he talks "tough" and fluently. This is particularly true when there is a feeling abroad, as there is now, that the old order has nothing new to say but that some new things badly need saying.

In such situations the media tend to respond in the manner of a flock of birds, flying instinctively together. If the new is going to be a winner, who wishes to be the odd one out by not sporting its importance? So the winds of fashion gradually gather force and give a credibility to their beneficiary that becomes self-fuelling.

A winner is often simply someone who begins to look like one.

In some respects the political atmosphere now is reminiscent of 1964, when everyone from men in the City and industry to ambassadors wanted to know Harold Wilson and learn what he might do. As he confided his plans for a Kennedy-style Hundred Days of Dynamic Action his success began to be taken for granted and the old order seemed increasingly out of date and uninvincible. Yet the grounds of Wilson's self-confidence actually represent the fundamental difference between his position and Kinnock's, a difference which is Mrs Thatcher's greatest potential advantage.

The Wilson success was rooted in the fact that his policies were inspired by the zeitgeist of the late 1950s and '60s: indicative planning, regulated pay and prices, rising living standards achieved painlessly by economic growth, and social engineering for a classless society. All this, and the end of social conflict, was to be born of bureaucracy out of consultation. So much did the Wilson Labour Party follow the intellectual climate of the time that the adoption of the Macmillan-Home administration had foreshadowed it with the first attempts at economic planning and pay policy, and with Tories talking about the absurdity of the "middle classes" ruining themselves for public-school fees. But nobody could say that the Thatcher government has been a pathfinder for what Neil Kinnock is now proposing, or that Labour represents a logical progression from what has been happening. The principal criticism of the

Prime Minister is, indeed, that she has stuck inflexibly to her economic policies, despite unemployment and criticism of the level of finance for essential social services. Likewise, the most striking characteristic of the Kinnock policies is the extent to which they represent a stark rupture from the past few years, particularly in economic and social policy.

Employment is Labour's declared priority and one million is the target figure for the first two years, though whether this relates to new jobs or reducing unemployment remains shrouded in ambiguity. This would be done by heavy state spending on social services, not only to improve them but to create new jobs both directly and indirectly. Heavily taxing the better off — a category which would begin at a pretty low income level — would pay for some of it, but the programme would also need vast borrowing with inflationary results. Labour hopes to stave off this problem by pay bargains with the unions. But its chances of getting such agreement will be negligible because its own inflationary policies will have given a push to wage demands, as will its statutory minimum wage.

So we should be back to abortive trading with union bosses, whose old attitudes would re-emerge after the repeal of the Thatcher government's reforms of industrial relations law. Labour's new-found but ambiguous acceptance of union ballots would probably be watered down still further as part of the bargaining. Yet though the unions would be hard to control, private industry would be at the government's mercy for both supply of investment (courtesy of the patriotically named British Investment Bank) and in its use.

All the evidence suggests that the public does not want the system of economic and social controls which Labour offers, with its hostility to individual responsibility, any more than it would welcome Labour's attitude to the police or defence. Yet though Labour policies are so out of joint with the real climate of the time, Kinnock is beginning to succeed in presenting Labour as the sort of social democratic party which David Owen never needed to leave, and which is now led by a tough but consensus-minded man.

It is happening not simply because the new has the edge on the old but principally because the government is still not addressing itself convincingly to a changed scene, specifically to unemployment and new anxieties about the standard of such essential services as hospitals. The Prime Minister is right to say that she will not give way to inflation. But that is so longer enough. In changed circumstances, the government has to find a new song to sing and one with a genuine tune. Its failure to do so is the heart of the matter and is why Neil Kinnock is now heard with undue respect.

moreover... Miles Kington

A pearl in your shell-like

Do you ever read the words "he whispered sweet nothings in her ear" and wish that you, too, had someone to fill your ears with fragrant, calorie-free messages? When you read the legend of Joan of Arc do you sometimes think how nice it would be if you could have your own voices, bringing top-level information from the board of governors? Do you, in brief, wish that there was something else to play on personal stereos, besides that ghastly rock music or equally ghastly opera?

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enjoy most, especially the one called *You've been very naughty, said the Prime Minister, so I'm going to have to spank you!* In-flight Exercises. Have you ever retired to bed, shattered, after attempting to keep up with Jane Fonda-type exercises, wishing there was some routine which involved no movement at all? This is it! A voice explains to you that simply by staying still you can do your body good. It then takes you on to some gentle immobile exercises such as Pressing Your Knees Together and Trying to Make Your Eyebrows Meet in The Middle By Sheer Will Power. *Food Pornography*. Ten of the great meals of all time, retold in loving detail by an RSC actor who wishes to remain anonymous. Suitable for foodies and dieters. *Motor-wakey-wakey!* This, we feel, is going to be our biggest modern disease — falling asleep on the motorway. As soon as you start to nod off, slip this tape in the stereo, and every five seconds it will say: "... Oh God, isn't that a police car? ... What's the idiot doing? ... Mind that coach... I think that car's going to pull out... Why's that driver flashing at you? ... Keep both hands on the wheel!" Guarantees 60 minutes of wide-awakefulness. *Bar Room Chat*. Sitting in a train or a pub, wishing you were in the pub? Now you can be, with an hour's worth of background conversation recorded at the Coach and Horses. After half an hour, you are bought a drink by a glamorous stranger. *Radio Revisited*. Thanks to computer simulation, we have arranged some of your favourite radio programmes as they should be, but never are. Michael Parkinson's guest fails to think of any record he likes. Robert Robinson runs out of things to say. Margaret Howard finally admits she hasn't heard anything good in the previous week, and a famous politician goes into the studio to take listeners' phone calls, but nobody rings in.

If you want any or all of these tapes, just send us a blank cheque. We'll know what to do with it.

Giving the pinta power to beat the litre

A herd of cows grazing in a meadow presents an image of rural stability in much the same way that the clatter of milk bottles on the doorstep provides reassurance that some things still survive urban change and turmoil. Neither is readily connected with a multi-million pound industry now in the throes of its biggest ever readjustment.

Before the end of the decade shoppers already long used to buying butter from New Zealand and Denmark, and cheese from France and Italy, may find themselves offered milk in cans from Normandy and County Cork. For by then the EEC will have achieved one of its most cherished objectives, a free market in pasteurised milk which, in theory at least, could mean 20,000-litre bulk tankers from France or the Netherlands arriving at the Channel ports to supply London and the South-east, or lorries lurching from Dublin to Liverpool.

The Milk Marketing Board is determined that it should never happen. Its officials are confident of consumer resistance — anyone who has holidayed abroad knows that foreign milk not only tastes but looks different — and point to the difficulties facing Continental producers: meeting the high EEC quality criteria for intra-Community trading and establishing retail outlets. But they admit that curiosity and ingenuity could create a breach in the defences. The threat, widely voiced two or

three years ago, that our supermarkets would soon be full of French UHT (long life) milk has never materialised, because no one in their right mind buys UHT if they can buy the real thing. However, sales of low-fat skimmed and semi-skimmed milk have soared in the last few years, accounting now for nearly a fifth of the market, and this so-called health sector could provide openings for Continental producers.

But it is not just the threat of greater foreign competition that is troubling the industry. Having coped surprisingly well with the sudden imposition of quotas in April 1984, it is still faced with declining overall consumption, accumulating surpluses of butter and "mousetrap" Cheddar cheese, and a complex and overlapping production and marketing structure which many people would like to see dismantled.

The board, whose tankers collect some 98 per cent of the milk off farms in England and Wales, there are a small number of so-called producer-processors who make farmhouse cheese and cream or have their own milk rounds — is under fire from producers, and its genial but elderly chairman, Sir "Steve" Roberts, is expected to make way for a younger man next year. The Dairy Trade Federation, led by the abrasive Nicholas Horsley, who is also involved in plans to launch a new left-of-centre Sunday news-

paper, remains suspicious of the board's relationship with its marketing subsidiary, Dairy Crest, even though a report commissioned by the government from an independent firm of accountants suggested that the federation's criticisms were largely unfounded.

The board's offices, in a grandiose neo-Georgian pile in suburban Thames Ditton, have a somewhat stuffy atmosphere of having for too long housed an unenterprising, unimaginative and bureaucratic cooperative, with no function other than to obtain the best possible milk prices for the farmers who own it.

But things do appear to be changing. Nigel White, the board's director of development and planning, is responsible for seeking new outlets for milk and dairy produce which so far range from milk in ring-top cans (being test marketed in southern England) to a cream liqueur made with whisky and brandy (a similar product developed in Ireland is now the biggest selling liqueur in the world), to Feta and Kefalogri cheeses for export to Greece. There is a rapidly growing market in the Middle East and North Africa for cheese and other dairy products because of the difficulty and high cost of obtaining milk supplies locally.

The board has established new experimental laboratories at what was formerly the National Institute for Research in Dairying, outside Reading, which by next

year should be capable of turning out almost any variety of cheese. It is also investigating possible new uses for cream in cosmetics and for milk in pet foods.

A mile or so down the road, in its new offices on an industrial estate, Dairy Crest claims to be adopting a similar new broom approach to marketing. Formed in 1979 when the board acquired a number of somewhat elderly creameries from Unigate, it has in the past been criticized for lack of enterprise.

But its new top men, Geoffrey Barr, the chief executive, and Mike Knapp, managing director, are determined that the company will become a highly competitive force in the market. Its very move away from the board's offices is seen as symbolic of its anxiety to be regarded as no longer subservient to the producers' interests.

White emphasizes that the board is not in the business of manufacturing, which is up to the dairies and other food and drink firms. "We see our role as that of a catalyst, but the dairies must play their part as well. I want to see milk going into making real products that people want to buy instead of merely feeding the intervention stores. Above all, we have to ensure that our quality is so high that there will be no incentive for anyone to buy foreign milk."

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THE REALM OF NECESSITY

Something had to give in the hard-pressed British truck industry. The closure of the central part of General Motors' truck and bus manufacturing in Britain is certainly a cause for regret for the economy of Bedfordshire, which gave its name to this important exporting business for 55 years, and for the 1,250 production and managerial staff who will lose their jobs as a result. Whether the short-term loss of jobs and manufacturing capacity inflicts a further lasting blow on Britain's ability to create sustainable jobs and pay its way in the world will depend on how Bedford's main British-based rivals react to the opportunities presented.

The industry has suffered from serious overcapacity throughout the eighties. There has long been tough international competition. The rise in sterling, as a result of the jump in oil prices in 1979, was bound to hit such an industry. The ensuing slump in business markets at home, in Europe and in third markets led to cutthroat competition in which British producers were at a currency disadvantage, exaggerated by manufacturing problems in all three. There is little immediate prospect of a full recovery.

Further, closures were inevitable if remaining factories were to cut losses or sustain their tenuous viability. The political inquest over Bedford shows little understanding of this.

The traditional union reaction, blaming an unconcerned foreign multinational for striking out jobs in Britain at the stroke of a pen in Detroit, looks particularly misplaced. General Motors has certainly taken severe actions in its British plants in response to poor performance (most recently at Vauxhall). It has, however, stuck by those operations through some thin times and taken a longer-term view than domestic employers might have felt able or required to do.

Bedford's truck and bus operation has lost £187 million over the past three years. That is a proportionately greater rate of loss than the larger Leyland equivalent which has so worried the Government. GM has sold control of its American heavy truck business to Volvo. Even so, it has negotiated long and hard round Europe in an attempt to form some link that would enable it to stay in the market here. A merger with Land Rover Leyland was the most favoured and logical of these moves.

The virtue of that link lay in the long-term benefits of creating a business with strong products and marketing across the whole range of commercial vehicles. That argument remains valid, however historical it may now be, as does the criticism that Mrs Thatcher and the Industry Secretary, Mr Paul Channon, allowed themselves to be deviated from

their chosen course by short-term political pressures.

The potential of joining Bedford's traditionally strong van business with Leyland's revitalized but loss-making truck operations in private hands would not, of course, have removed the necessity for heavy rationalization in the weaker parts of the combined enterprise. But such rationalization would have taken place in the context of building up a company with the capacity to compete effectively in world markets. It would not have been mere retrenchment.

Even retrenchment, however, has its own logic. From an industrial point of view, it now makes sense to close Bedford trucks, the weakest competitor — though third in the market — rather than allow it to threaten the continuing van business.

It is, finally, a sad reflection of confidence in Leyland and Ford, the market leaders, that industry observers have immediately pointed to the German Daimler-Benz as the obvious beneficiary of the closure. The onus is now on Leyland and its chairman, Mr Graham Day, to bend rather more of their efforts than of late to exploiting the public investment and patience in Leyland Vehicles. They need to seize the unrepeatable opportunity to capture as much as possible of Bedford's 12 per cent share of the domestic market and thereby ensure that Bedfordshire's loss is not also Britain's loss.

HIGHWAY JUSTICE

If it were done when "it's done, then 'twere well it were done quickly. But then Macbeth had not been caught speeding up the M6 when he said it, and not all of those who have been so caught would agree with him. From October 1, however, the fixed penalty system for motorists, so far best known to those who oversay their welcome at parking meters or straddle yellow lines, will be expanded to cover some 250 more traffic offences, including 50 which are actually endorsable.

The objective is primarily to ease the growing pressure on magistrates' courts. The Home Office estimates that about one-fifth of the magistrates' time might be saved by this measure alone.

It was first mooted by the Inter-Departmental Committee on Road Traffic Law five years ago, then incorporated in the Transport Act in 1982. Its introduction next month has so far aroused considerably less hostility from the vociferous motoring lobby than might have been expected, perhaps because drivers are already familiar with the principle as practised on the Continent or America. These things being so, one wonders why the Government has waited so long.

One possible reason is that the improvement in administrative efficiency is less clear cut than would seem to be the case. Lawyers whose interest in the matter is somewhat

vested, argue that while there might be a saving in court time, the sum of paperwork involved might actually rise. Extra staff might be needed to cope with the load.

One way to circumvent this might be to introduce on-the-spot fines, the motorist writing a cheque by the roadside or even perhaps settling by credit card. This would, however, involve the police in the act of receiving money — in one form or another — and the police remain opposed to this in principle. They will have to train their traffic constables in the new procedures as it is, and the argument that these officers, no longer summoned to court so often, will be freed to spend more time solving serious crimes may be no more than wishful thinking.

The most commonly expressed doubts about the new scheme involve the financial penalty which the motorist incurs by insisting on going to court. That he should have the right to contest the case is inarguable. But if he then loses his legal skirmish he has to pay not only a fine, but the prosecution costs as well as his defence. The criticism is that this might deter the innocent man from defending himself. On the other hand there must be a deterrent to discourage the litigious, from wasting court time. The system as described is at least worth introducing, while being monitored for any suggestions of injustice.

There must equally be some doubt about the size of the fines imposed. To charge a motorist a mere £24 for speeding sounds inadequate when compared with those imposed for similar offences elsewhere in the world. Speeding is already regarded as a somewhat macho pastime. It would be a pity if the introduction of summary justice had the effect of further devaluing the offence. This too is an area which needs watching and the Home Office should not be afraid of raising the penalty to ensure that the punishment fits the crime.

In principle, however, the extension of the fixed penalty system to cover a wider range of motoring offences must be welcomed. So too must the introduction of increased penalties for those who fail to pay up on time. That nearly half of the two million parking tickets issued each year in London alone are ignored by the motorists concerned, is little short of a national disgrace.

We are all motorists now — and the responsible road user needs protecting from his neighbour who is not so. The new scheme is a radical change in the road traffic laws — the most radical since the introduction of the breathalyzer. But like that other controversial event in the history of motoring, it is at worst a necessary evil and at best a positive reform. Justice, and not just rough justice, must be done more quickly.

MR GORBACHOV'S DRINK PROBLEM

What drives Russians to drink? How can they be made to abandon a reprehensible tradition as old as their history? Last month Mikhail Gorbachov took his anti-alcohol campaign a step further by raising the price of a bottle of vodka to over eight rubles — about a day's wages. Vodka has brought the state vast revenues, but at a terrible cost to family life: four centuries ago an Elizabethan traveller in Moscow deplored the way Russians "drank away their children and all their goods at the emperor's tavern", and such scenes were still common until recently.

Heavy drinking was costing the country millions of rubles and thousands of lives; industrial accidents, road and rail crashes, disastrous fires, and violent crimes were blamed on addition to the bottle. The media linked drunkenness with shocking statistics ranging from absenteeism and shoddy workmanship to divorce, venereal disease, mentally retarded children and early death. Explaining all this as "vestiges of the bourgeois past" was beginning to lack conviction.

The same symptoms of a sick society emerged among peoples as diverse as Catholic Lithuanians and Muslim Uzbeks. Soviet government did

much to destroy the old moral codes, based as they were on religious beliefs, but the new atheist morality was no substitute.

Yet there are other, less complex reasons for Mr Gorbachov's drink problem. Russians like vodka: it brings out the full flavour of the Russian cuisine, it makes parties go with a swing; and it allows the Russian soul to expand with elaborate philosophies about the meaning of life. Official suggestions that weddings henceforth be celebrated with tea have had little impact. Moreover, a drinking bout is widely prescribed as a popular, albeit temporary, remedy for deep depressions brought on by long dark winters, exacerbated by poor housing, bad working conditions, and vanishing hopes of future improvements.

Wages have increased significantly, but consumer durables of good quality are scarce. For most Soviet citizens there is little point in saving for a better house, a new car or a foreign holiday — they would not be available anyway — so vodka soaks up the spare rubles. But last year the Kremlin declared war on drink.

It became illegal to sell spirits to those under 21, or to

encourage juveniles to drink. Licensed premises are now closed until 2pm on working days, and anyone found drunk in public places is liable to a heavy fine or imprisonment. Spirits disappeared from official receptions, beer bars were converted to sell pizzas, and hardened drinkers were urged to convert to Pepsi Cola. The penalties for producing samogon (illicit spirits) were sharply increased, while output of state vodka was cut and the price raised. An "All-Union Voluntary Society for the Struggle for Sobriety" was established with facilities to publish its own journal.

According to official claims these measures are proving effective: not only are alcohol sales falling sharply, so too are crime and accident figures. But there are also reports of a jump in samogon production, and sales of spirit-based toilet waters are well up. Several Muscovites were poisoned when they drank stolen industrial alcohol. Pensioners earn extra money by joining the long drink queues and reselling the vodka at a profit, while taxi drivers and train conductors can still be expected to provide a bottle at twice the official price. Despite harsh penalties for speculators, the laws of supply and demand prevail.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CND telephone-tapping case

From Mr Ian Leigh
Sir, There is a touching irony about your editorial (September 4), "None above the law," on the CND telephone-tapping case. Like Mr Justice Taylor, you subscribe to Dicey's much-vaunted doctrine of the rule of law. The difficulty is that when one looks behind the rhetoric the argument becomes difficult to sustain, particularly with regard to the courts' record on national security issues.

It is correct that in decisions such as the CND case and the House of Lords ruling in the GCHQ case (1984) 3 All ER 933, the courts have refused to accept a blanket ouster of jurisdiction at the mere invocation of a threat to national security. However, it is noticeable that they have not gone further and been prepared to probe the issues. Indeed it is doubtful whether that is a task to which they are either fitted or inclined.

In GCHQ Sir Robert Armstrong's affidavit saved the day, despite its seeming implausibility and the lateness of its arrival. In the CND case the Government appears to have got away effectively without presenting any evidence at all. And what is one to make of the model legal direction given to the jury at the Ponting trial? Or the Court of Appeal's recent upholding of the injunctions against *The Observer* and *The Guardian* (The Times Law Report, July 26)?

Decisions like those in the CND

and GCHQ cases allow the judiciary to continue to ascribe to the rhetoric of the rule of law but to empty it of any practical consequences. Actions speak louder than words.

I do not suggest that there is anything sinister or conspiratorial in such judicial behaviour. However, there are limitations in the nature of judicial review itself and, arguably, the all-encompassing secrecy behind which security decisions are taken makes them inherently non-judicial.

For all the faults of the Interception of Communications Act 1985 (which makes future cases of the kind brought by CND impossible), the Government seems to have recognised the point well enough. That is one of the more charitable explanations that can be advanced for the secretive tribunal constituted under the Act, to investigate such allegations. The tribunal will not, of course, give reasons for its decisions and, unlike Mr Justice Taylor, it would not have had to hear representations from CND in public, if at all. It does, however, have the power which he lacked to get at the evidence. This is the reality of the secret State, not the rhetoric of the rule of law.

Yours,
IAN LEIGH,
Newcastle upon Tyne Polytechnic, Faculty of Professional Studies, Sutherland Building, Northumberland Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, September 4.

collective energy to make things better can only come from them. Yours etc,
DENIS PYM,
London Business School, Sussex Place, Regent's Park, NW1.

From Mr Declan P. Hughes
Sir, May I please take issue with the feeling that is rampant among the "truant constituents" ("Thatcher's children", September 3) that "people like me are powerless to change things in this country".

There are just as many issues to be tackled by today's youth as ever. Cynicism is no obstacle. It hasn't stopped me from taking part in the world and it shouldn't stop anyone else. I now devote all my energies to the wider human rights area and try to raise money to help treat the victims of torture world-wide. I am, of course, a specialist medical treatment.

If any of these "apathetic, cynical and disillusioned" youth want to try and help make this country and the world a better place to live in, then they could do a lot worse than join me and the many like me who stopped sitting on their mental bottoms a long time ago.
DECLAN HUGHES, Director, Anti-Torture Trust, PO Box 72, Maidstone, Kent, September 3.

Cancer in women

From Mrs Ann Tait, RCN
Sir, Your article of August 28, "Women to get say in cancer surgery", states, "One in five women is likely to contract the disease". If your correspondent means breast cancer, his figures are incorrect. Breast cancer in the United Kingdom is thought to occur in between one in 17 and one in 14 women. Yours sincerely,
ANN TAIT,
The Middlesex Hospital, Mortimer Street, W1, August 29.

Insular view

From Mr Andrew Louth
Sir, "The universities on this side of the Atlantic (only six of them older than Harvard)" (second leader, September 6). Marburg, Tübingen, Bologna, Padua, Salamanca, Valladolid, Paris... that makes seven older than Harvard. Surely *The Times* does not think that the British Isles is the only place "this side of the Atlantic"? Yours faithfully,
ANDREW LOUTH,
30 Stockmore Street, Oxford, September 7.

Theological colleges

From the Rev J. N. A. Bradbury
Sir, Clifford Longley's column on the Church of England's theological colleges (September 1) makes splendidly provocative reading to spice the first day of our new academic year. But it deserves some reply. In this college, for example, none of the staff are former students. The vice-principal is a Roman Catholic woman, the New Testament tutor is a Methodist and I interrupted my 10 years of ministry in urban priority areas in London for three with the Jesuits in the Bronx. So I hardly think we deserve Mr Longley's accusation of wanting to perpetuate a traditional party churchmanship. Indeed I chose to do my present job precisely because a theological college seemed a good strategic place to be contributing to the shake-up and reform in the Church so many of us enthusiasts for the recommendations of *Faith in the City* want to see.

Had Clifford Longley reported on a major international practical theology conference held this July at the University of Manchester, I'm sure he would have had to observe that some of the most stimulating and progressive writing and church strategies are coming from Anglican theological colleges. There's plenty to be depressed

Shades of racism

From Professor Antony Flew
Sir, The Director of the Runnymede Trust (September 4) wonders what question I thought I was answering when I said (feature, August 21) that the "very different track records" of different groups of non-white immigrants into Britain "are in the main to be explained by references to differences between (in the broadest sense) the culture of these so very different groups rather than by hostile discrimination or their own unequal genetic endowments".

Surely it should have been, and be, clear that the question was, and is, why these track records have been, and still are, so very different? By specifying that I was employing the word "culture" in the broadest sense I hoped to make clear that I was referring not just to literature, music and the visual arts but also, and even primarily, to all those other non-genetic characteristics in respect of which one group may differ from another — mating and child-rearing preferences, religious and other beliefs, occupational preferences and other values, and so on. Yours faithfully,
ANTONY FLEW,
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about in our divided and frightened society. There's plenty to be depressed about in the Church and in theological colleges. But the good news is that they are one place you can find a community of faith, who are not afraid to confront the dark issues of our time, who are determined to carry forward what humanizes rather than reinforce the culture of self-interest we now have, and who hope, through their vocation to ministry, to spend a lifetime working alongside local congregations of the Christian Church vigorously to further the ends of the Kingdom of God. Yours faithfully,
NICHOLAS BRADBURY,
Salisbury and Wells Theological College, 19 The Close, Salisbury, Wiltshire.

Integrated colleges

From Ms Belinda Loftus
Sir, The teachers at our All Children's Integrated Primary School are not taking a cut in salary, as reported by Richard Ford on September 1. And we have so far raised two-thirds of the £100,000 we estimate we will need for the school's first year, not the full amount. Yours sincerely,
BELINDA LOFTUS (Chairman, South Down Education Society), 177 Main Street, Dundrum, Co. Down.

A plea to widen havens of peace

From the Right Reverend Lord Coggan

Sir, The whole civilised world has been shocked and revolted at the news of the massacre of 21 Jews as they engaged in an act of Sabbath worship in their synagogue in Istanbul last week (report, September 8).

The links between Christians and Jews have been growing steadily stronger in recent years. As chairman of the executive of the Council of Christians and Jews, may I, through the courtesy of your columns, extend to our Jewish brothers and sisters an assurance of our oneness with them in their grief? There is something ironic in the fact that the name of the synagogue in which the atrocity was perpetrated is Neve Shalom, "Haven of Peace". During a recent visit to Israel, my wife and I were privileged to visit another Neve Shalom, near Jerusalem. It is a community dedicated to the education of Jewish and Arab children together, in an attempt to wipe out enmity and to cultivate understanding — a noble work carried on in difficult circumstances.

Let us pray that the Istanbul tragedy may be used to deepen further our determination to work together in the cause of justice and mutual understanding, and to establish more and more "havens of peace" in a torn world. Yours faithfully,
DONALD COGGAN,
Kingshead House, Sissinghurst, Cranbrook, Kent, September 8.

A test of wisdom

From Dr R. A. Buchanan

Sir, You take the Prince of Wales to task (leading article, September 6) for urging the importance of the humanities in higher education.

It can hardly be denied that there is an urgent need in Britain for more people with skills in mathematics and physics to devise computer programmes and to operate the novel hardware of modern information technology. But the Prince is surely right to remind us of the complementary need for the humane wisdom which comes from insights into the history and social context of modern technology in order to give it purpose and direction. There is a genuine danger that, under pressure of economics, universities will sacrifice hard-won gains in the humanities in order to meet the immediate needs of the marketplace. The fate over recent years of small "bridge disciplines" like the history of science and technology in British universities demonstrates the reality of this danger.

Let us come to regret, in the words of T. S. Eliot, "the wisdom we have lost in knowledge", it is time that we started to perceive our "information technology" within a framework of "wisdom technology". Yours faithfully,
R. A. BUCHANAN, Director, Centre for the History of Technology, Science and Society, University of Bath, Claverton Down, Bath, Avon, September 7.

Police and public

From Dr Robert Reiner

Sir, My talk on policing to the British Association (report, September 5) did, as you say, describe police relations with widening sections of the public as a conflict-ridden for a century, but I emphasised in my conclusion that the leadership of our police forces has adopted a wide range of measures in the Scarman spirit since 1981. These are aimed at restoring public confidence.

Further, many of the changes which have denied the benign bobby image (such as tougher riot-control tactics) are deeply regretted by most police officers and are felt to be a necessary response to more violent disorder confronting the police. Yours sincerely,
ROBERT REINER,
University of Bristol, Faculty of Law, Wills Memorial Building, Queens Road, Bristol, Avon.

NHS holiday time

From Sir Leslie Fletcher

Sir, Mr H. J. Shaw (September 3) refers to the difficulties and inconvenience caused to him and his colleagues by the statutory holiday in the National Health Service which took place on August 20, the day following the Bank holiday Monday. From the other end, i.e. the patient, things did not look any better.

At Basingstoke District Hospital, where I reported for a blood test at about 9.30 am, I was told that the pathology lab was closed for the day, except for emergencies. The main reception desk of the hospital seemed to be unmanned, although a distant female voice from behind some screen gave an answer to a helpful cleaner whom I finally met.

On a subsequent appearance to have the blood test, it was explained to me that it was very difficult to let everyone know of this statutory holiday. Surely, it would not be too difficult to work a skeleton staff, if that is not an inappropriate expression. Yours faithfully,
LESLIE FLETCHER,
33/36 Gracechurch Street, EC3, September 3.

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SEPTEMBER

Julius Haynau (1786-1848-49). Austrian general, prominent part in his defeat of Hungary in the 1848-49. His ability as a commander in the field was marred by his brutality and sadism. During a visit to London he called on September 4 at the brewery of Barclay and Perkins in Bankside where he was attacked by the draymen. Pursued by a mob, he took refuge in the George public house, from where he was rescued by the police.

THE ATTACK ON GENERAL HAYNAU

Last night a public meeting, convened by "the National Democrats" was held in Farringdon-hall, Snow-hill, for the purpose... of taking into consideration "the noble conduct of the workmen employed at Barclay and Perkins's brewery, in having given expression to their feelings of detestation felt towards the assassin and woman-flogger Haynau, by all true Englishmen..."

Mr J. PETTIE was called to the chair, and proposed that a Hungarian should open the proceedings with a song. The Hungarian accordingly sang, in a stentorian voice, the Italian "Marseillaise" which was received with applause...

Mr W. RUFFY moved a resolution—"They were met, not only to eulogize their fellow-countrymen in the employment of Barclay and Perkins, but to make known their abhorrence of the cruelties inflicted on the sons and daughters of Hungary by that inhuman monster General Haynau. (Cheers.) What opinion must they form of a Government which knew that it was the intention of such a monster to pollute their soil and did not interpose? The Chartists advocates who had been imprisoned had not suffered in vain; and, although it might be thought by those who sucked the working classes like leeches that the principles of democracy had not gained ground in this country, he felt proud to let them learn that those whom they called the scum of the earth, the canaille outcasts — such men as the brave men in Barclay and Perkins's employ (cheers) — knew how to treat a monster who could ill-use and persecute to the death lovely woman. (Groans.) He was glad that Haynau had not been sent to "that bourne whence no traveller returns" — that Haynau lived, pronounced a recreant and coward by every man who had a tongue to speak — and who? Because this monster, when he found himself surrounded by hordes of assassins, could cause men and women to be hanged and flogged till the flesh fell in shreds from their bare backs, and authorized the infliction of cruelties which even devils out of Hell could hardly have perpetrated. ("The monster") Had Haynau been a brave man, he would have said, "I will fight for life as long as I have life..." But this coward turned his back on his chestnuts and like a baby, he cried for mercy..."

Mr JULIAN HARNEY, announced as the editor of the *Red Republican*,... proceeded to express his opinion that it was the men who were always bawling "Order" that created disorder in Europe. They were a class of journals known in the Democratic journals as "order-mongers". They were horrified when any demonstration of public feeling occurred such as took place the other day on the other side of the water...

Citizen ENGELS, introduced as one who had fought for freedom in many lands, and who was a long beard, next addressed the meeting and assured them that Marshal Haynau, having been "lynched" as he had been, having had a broomstick broken on his back — having been dragged through the streets by his mustachios, had been brought into contempt not only with all nations but with his own class. As a German he expressed his thanks for what had been done to his countryman...

Mr. BROWN... [said] some papers said the men at Barclay and Perkins's had been hounded on by foreigners. They must know that to be a lie. If Haynau had been put into the vat, who would have drunk the beer? Had he been thrown into the Thames, all the fish would have been poisoned... Misapprehensions had gone about with respect to the conduct of the landlord of the George. Haynau asked to have some brandy, when the landlord, to his honour, said, "I'll be d-d if I have any brandy here..."

After three cheers for Haynau, and three groans for *The Times*... three cheers for Kosuth and Hungary, three cheers for the glorious French Revolution, ... and an equal number given, with great enthusiasm, for Barclay and Perkins's workmen, the meeting separated.

Heat of the moment

From Mrs Joan M. Bagley
Sir, I have been following the correspondence about the Volcano kettle with interest, and in particular the letter from Mr J. S. F. Grindley (September 2).

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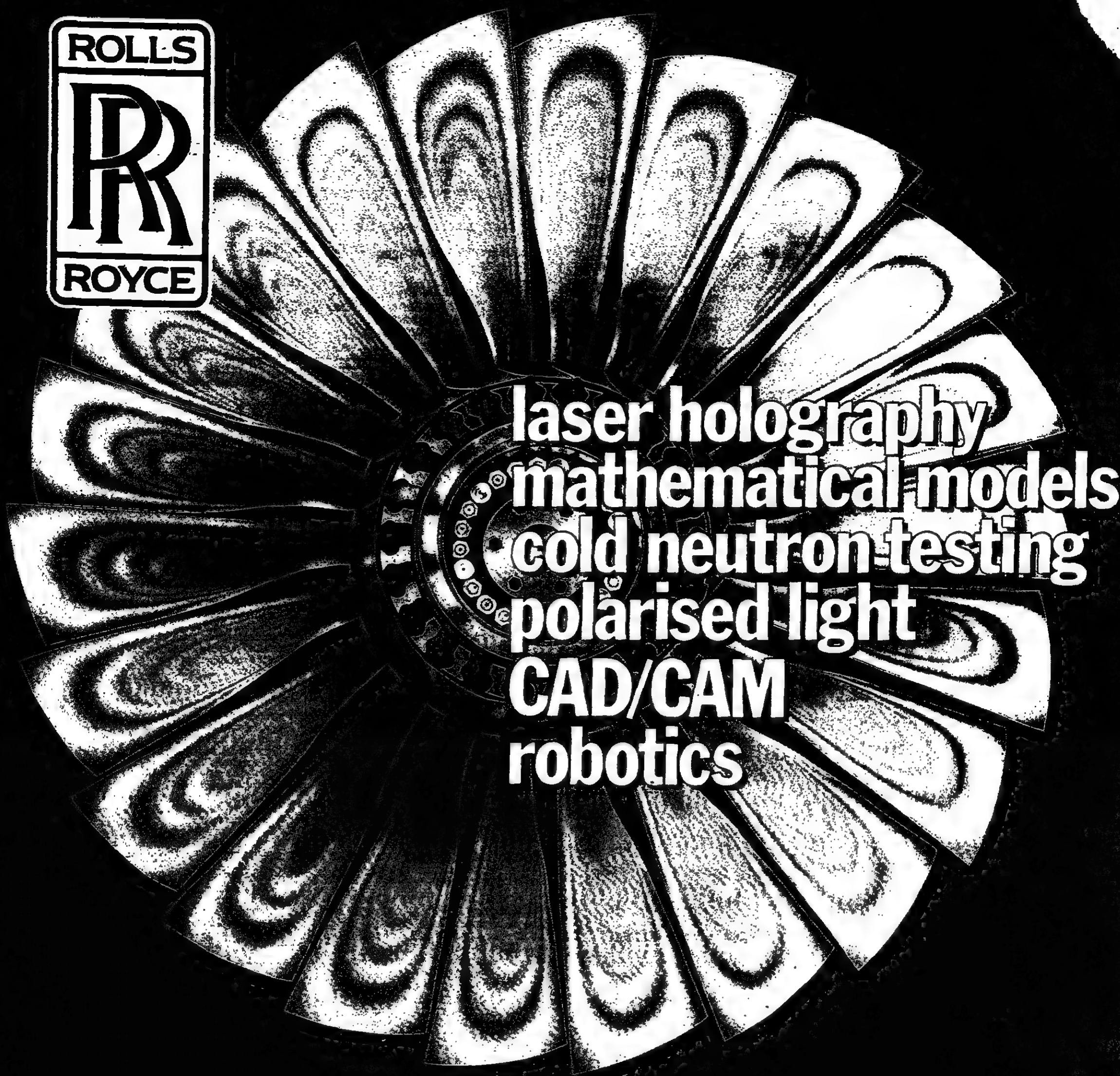
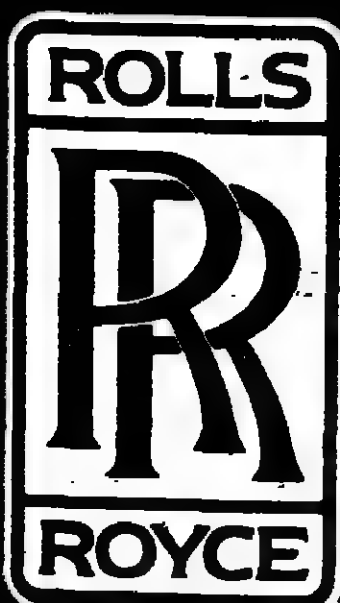
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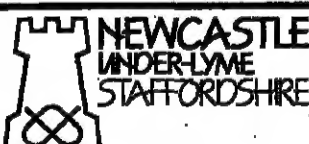
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THE ARTS

Television
Creature
discomfort

We may be a nation of animal lovers but *Animal Squad* (BBC1) shows the cruelty of loving them in the wrong way. In the Leeds area alone, 25,000 calls a year are received alerting RSPCA inspectors to man's inhumanity to God's other creatures.

Filed and produced by Paul Berrif, last night's edition was not so much a fly on the wall documentary as a dog at heel look at some of Sid Jenkins's cases. The high point was an investigation into allegations of witchcraft.

"I think observation's the main thing," said Sid after a colleague had rooted through the dustbin and come up with some shandy cans and a receipt for cat-wormer. When we came upon their owner, she turned out to be a cheerful witch who blithely admitted to dissecting a dead dog after keeping it in the fridge. Warily, Sid had a look at some of her other pets. A six-foot snake suffering from "the odd scar here and there", a balding tarantula, two rats and a cage of mice. "Anything I do is for good," Morficia Crawley (too pat a name?) explained to Sid while showing him the coffin in her bedroom. Instead of his usual verbal warning, Sid gave her advice.

John Godber's *Blood Sweat and Tears* (BBC2) was a play set in a northern judo hall. Two giggling girls come to learn self-defence, fall for their teacher and incur the jealous wrath of his moll. Dramatically it was less a play than a judo lesson. I struggled and tossed, I even shouted Yazzoo or whatever to find it interesting, meaningful and different. But no good.

With its series *The Gong Show*, Channel 4 performs the salutary task of reminding us how good our television is by contrast. Presented by a man who, Darwinianly-speaking, looks very closely descended from a monkey, the show panders to an audience's indescribable itch to embarrass itself in public. A superlative reassurance is given that "portions of the programme not affecting the outcome have been edited".

Nicholas
Shakespeare

The LPO, under Sir Georg Solti, have just returned from a highly successful visit to Frankfurt. Tomorrow the same team are in charge of the penultimate night of the Proms. Richard Morrison reports from Frankfurt; John Higgins talks to Solti about the future



Keith Lewis: triumphant performance as Faust

auditorium to check balance, shouting instructions to section principals from the back.

He clearly revels in the opulent resonance of the reconstructed *Alte Oper*. But the reverberation is causing ensemble problems for an orchestra which is still re-acquainting itself with Solti's highly personal baton technique. Conductor and orchestra fall doggedly into a familiar rhythm of rehearsal: ten minutes of playing a terse stream of commands from the podium, then on to the next ten minutes' music. Almost nothing is played twice.

The chorus arrives for the second rehearsal. They are boisterous as British chorists tend to be: some fall off their chairs. In fact, some have no chairs — the platform is surprisingly small. When the singing finally starts, though, it is awesome. The dynamic range that 125 professionals can muster is quite outside one's normal experience.

Halfway through this rehearsal, Berlioz gives way to Beethoven. Teams of soloists are summoned or dismissed by Solti like an American football coach changing his side's game-plan. Enter Donatoni, Walker, Goldberg and Solti; exit Von Stade, Lewis, Fischer-Dieskau and

Moses. Pleasantries are exchanged in the wings.

Solti finishes all subsequent rehearsals early, clearly delighted with progress. The last thing he says to the chorus is: "In all my long professional career, I have never heard such choral singing." The LPO endorse the sentiment with a traditional shuffle of feet, and all take a rest from *Faust* to look for lunch in Goethe's city.

Prolonged standing ovations at the subsequent concerts confirmed Solti's estimation. Keith Lewis scored a personal triumph in the high-lying role of Faust, and the point in the "Pandemonium" where the men's chorus cup hands round their mouths for nerve-tugging cries of "Hast! Hast!" causes a minor sensation in the hall.

It is ironic, but not untypical, that a German city with a population one tenth of London's is willing to hire over 200 of Britain's best musicians to mount such an enterprise. We cannot afford such grand gestures. But at least British music-lovers will gain a valuable spin-off: the Choral Symphony on Friday.

R. M.



Sir Georg Solti: new ambitions and broadened horizons

The only chance to hear Sir Georg Solti conduct in London this autumn comes at the Royal Albert Hall tomorrow. The main work on the penultimate night of the Proms is Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, with a special assembled chorus of 125 who, with Solti and the LPO, have just returned from Frankfurt, as Richard Morrison reports opposite. Five concerts in under a week, Solti agrees, is too much, but even at the age of 74 he appears to thrive on it. And in any case, Frankfurt was in part a homecoming.

It was the city in which he spent many years before coming to Covent Garden as music director in the early Sixties. Was there any ill feeling when he announced that he was moving on? Not according to Solti.

"Frankfurt at that time was quite a small place musically and it was accepted that I had to broaden my horizons. But I still feel very much a son of Frankfurt and they love me there. And that is wonderful for my vanity. It also means that I can take with me a work like *La Damnation de Faust* which is not exactly popular in Germany. Solti might have added that *Damnation* hap-

pens to contain the Hungarian March, which is likely to be close to his heart.

During his period at the Frankfurt Opera, one work he did not conduct was Puccini's *Tosca* which is liable to be on ample display at the RAH tomorrow if Decca's marketing department has been doing its job.

Solti's recording with the National Philharmonic (not the New Philharmonic as stated in our review recently on *The Times* record page), is out this month. "It was not considered a 'correct' opera for the music director to conduct. Then, during the ten years I was at Covent Garden, the opportunity never arose — they always wanted me to do something else. I have heard it a hundred times — wait for tenor aria in Act III, then go home — but I have never conducted it in the theatre."

So why tackle it now? Solti grins. "Because when you are grown up, as I am now, you can do what you like. The smile then fades. "I believe beneath the surface of this apparently crude music lies something special. It all too often sounds second-rate and I want to prove that it was something quite different, which can be done if you take three musical singers and

make them do the opposite of what they are used to doing in the piece." (Solti's chosen three are Te Kanawa, Aragall and Nucci.) "Study this score and you will find a genuine passion — I remember Puccini's granddaughter once telling me how close it was to his heart," he adds.

If to the public gaze at least *Tosca* appears to be "not a Solti opera", then much the same applies to the next piece he will conduct at Covent Garden: Mozart's *Die Entführung* in a new production by Elijah Moshinsky, designed by Sidney Nolan and Tim O'Brien in the 87/88 season.

"I came back to it almost by chance, almost 30 years after those Frankfurt performances. When Karl Böhm died I was asked to conduct the Vienna Philharmonic in a commemorative concert, which included Gruberova singing 'Traurigkeit'. That experience led me to go on and record it — probably her farewell to the role, as she doesn't much like singing it any more. I rediscovered this first taste of the sophistication that characterizes the mature Mozart. Hence the suggestion to Covent Garden."

Next autumn Solti will be 75. What are the unfilled ambitions? Two. One is to do the *Matthew Passion*. You may say "Not a Solti work", but I tell you it is a Solti work and I will conduct it with the Chicago Symphony next year.

"The other is to record *Die Frau ohne Schatten* in its entirety, which will add about 25 minutes to what is generally heard in the theatre. I've been waiting for 20 years and now we have the right cast: Marton, Van Dam, Domingo — yes, Domingo in Strauss."

In the meantime, Solti is turning his attention to Stravinsky and in particular *Petroushka* and *Jeu de cartes*. Inevitably, the comment comes up: Stravinsky is not a composer usually associated with Solti.

"I want to broaden my horizons. I have never been a specialist and now I want less than ever to be a specialist. Never stick to what you are famous for, never become a cliché. Always, always I fight the cliché."

J. H.

Dance
Warmth
of frozen
assets

The Snow Queen
Covent Garden

Premiered at Birmingham in April, David Bintley's *The Snow Queen* opened a fortnight's season by the Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet. You would never guess from the way it looks that both Bintley's choreography and Terry Bartlett's handsome designs have been made so that they are adaptable to any theatre the company visits on its tours. Settings and dances both open up gracefully.

Since Birmingham, Bintley has made a few small cuts to quicken the action. The work still runs nearly three hours and as with most ballets of that length there are moments when one wishes he had wielded his pruning knife a little more boldly. That is chiefly true of the first act, mainly concerned with setting out the complex background of the story.

It takes a while before the events begin to grip, and then their hold is temporarily loosened again by an episode in which the Snow Queen and her attendants, disguised as travelling players, act out the legend of spring overcoming winter.

The point of it is for the little boy Kay to be provoked into running from the crowd of spectators to defend the beautiful Snow Queen, thus putting himself into her power, but the scene drags on longer than its dramatic or choreographic interest.

Luckily, things improve from then, with the appearance of an apparently magic puppet to tempt Kay into danger, and a clever encounter for the Queen and her victim which gives the illusion of a real duet, even though the boy (Grant Thorne) is too young actually to support Samira Saidi.

The chief interest in act two comes from the spirited male dancing. This company's men do not have the energy of the technique of their Bolshoi equivalents recently seen here, but they show plenty of verve and Bintley has orchestrated their dances for maximum effect.

It is an indication of how much more spirited Roland Price has become as the grown-up Kay that his bounding, wide-ranging solo now rightly trumps the clever and amusing bottle dance with which Michael O'Hare was able to steal the show before.

Apart from the Snow Queen, the only woman who gets much to do before the second interval is Kay's fiancée Gerda, and although Lianne Benjamin has brightened her solos in that role, the character does not yet make a great impact. That is probably partly Bintley's fault but perhaps a more evocative dancer could make more of it. The women's dances in act three and the final coup in which the Snow Queen freezes her victim back into his childish self bring the ballet to an effective end.

It is in the nature of the three-act ballet to lack the concentration of Bintley's shorter works, and Bramwell Tovey's score, based on Mussorgsky, is serviceable rather than inspired. But this *Snow Queen* is a workmanlike piece that offers interest and enjoyment.

John Percival

A painful freedom

The Bay at Nice/
Wrecked Eggs
Cottesloe

In this double-bill David Hare tells two personal stories which take on public resonance through their contrasted settings. Both concern the pursuit of individual freedom and happiness: but what do these words have in common to the inhabitants of Leningrad and New York?

In *The Bay at Nice* Hare states his theme, through a mother and daughter relationship involving the Western past as well as the Soviet present. Valentina is summoned to a State museum to authenticate a dubious Matisse painting. Here she is joined by her daughter who announces that she is leaving her headmaster husband to live with a 60-year-old employee of the Sanitary Board.

Valentina, played with regal mockery by Irene Worth, treats the lovers with barely concealed derision. If the talentless Sophia feels more of a person in company with her new lover, it is only because she is escaping from ambition and taking refuge in failure. What do such people know of

the free life she once had in Paris? However, like them, she is a marginal person: not a Party member. And, in the end, she offers to sell her flat to raise the money her daughter needs.

In *Wrecked Eggs*, Hare moves on from marginal Russians to mainline Americans, in a complementary fable of a dominant parent. If Sophia reacted against her overpowering mother by choosing failure, Robbie — the son of a convicted spy — reacts by changing his name and going all out for success. He is a workaholic lawyer whose wife Loeila says: "He likes me because I'm here and I'm quick." She confides this detail to Grace, the only guest who has arrived for the couple's splitting-up party. Like Sophia and her headmaster, they are winding up a long marriage, with the difference that the Americans are making a something out of it.

The arbiter in this piece is the visitor, a Press agent who detests her work and counters Robbie's defence of the pursuit of money with a bitterly funny account of what it means in her line of business: imagining how shredded every newspaper would be if a success censorship were im-



In pursuit of happiness: Irene Worth and Zoe Wamaker

posed, and calling her hosts bluff by pouring scorn on the idea that happiness can be pursued in terms of passing sensations. In the end, like Valentina, she comes to the rescue with a speech on loyalty and persistence which has the effect of preserving the marriage for at least one more day.

In both plays, relative values are shaken around and finally come to rest on firm old moral precepts. Otherwise, the links have to be teased out in retrospect rather than snapped up during performance. The first play is sombre and somewhat fruitless when it comes to artistic theory: the second moves into comedy and seems much more the product of personal experience. In both, the energy level is low, and one senses

Hare keeping his own derisive powers in check and pursuing ideas rather than characters.

Much the best work in his production comes from Zoe Wamaker, transformed from the gauche defensive Sophia to the bangle-laden Grace, who is as extrovert in her embarrassment as in her attacks on the soft underbelly of the advertising world. There is also a touchingly cowed performance from Philip Locke as the aged suitor, and an all-American husband suffering through his grin from Colin Stinton.

Irving Wardle

Concert

Bavarian RSO/
Davis
Albert Hall/Radio 3

On the one hand we had Sir Colin Davis's interpretation. On the other, the playing of the Bavarian Radio Symphony Orchestra.

It would be superficial to suggest that this performance of Bruckner's Seventh Symphony was disappointing because the patchy reality of the latter blunted the imaginative insights of the former. Balance sheets are not so simply drawn up when one recalls that Davis has been principal conductor of this orchestra for 13 years.

Although he has shaped the Bavarians into an alert, pleasantly-blended ensemble which carries out his subtle shadings with discipline, the fact is that the string sound is too timid for these great curving melodies, the wind principals showed little character, and the brass were thin and wobbly. "Central European" brass timbre has its points, but this crackle and pop has no place in Bruckner's lustrous fortes. Yet in places the performance had eloquence. One thinks of the absolute string pianissimo Davis achieved at the opening, of the dance-like contrasts he instilled in both outer movements, and of his elegant phrasing in the trio of the Scherzo.

Preceding Bruckner was another symphony: the Sixth

Theatre

Missiles miss the target

Sink the Belgrano
The Half Moon

You may perhaps already have heard of the General Belgrano. Four years ago, her sinking struck many in Britain as a despicable act, and when the timetable of events became clearer, a stench arose which still lingers in the nostrils of the nation's conscience.

Steven Berkoff's new play goes the whole gleeful hog in presenting the affair as a deliberate attempt to scupper the Peruvian peace initiative then under way in New York. While holding plenty of gruesome appeal, this is by no means a new theory, and the evening offers no surprises on a political level.

Nor is it really surprising that Mr Berkoff should have chosen to offer his polemic in the form of a first-voiced diatribe against not just the Tories, the military establishment and the Press, but also

against public houses, tea and other harmless things.

I happen to share the author's loathing for his major targets, but 90 minutes spent watching him attempt to blow them out of the water with misfired missiles made me almost proud to be British. Elvis Costello's hauntingly beautiful song about the Falklands, "Shipbuilding", manages to say more in four minutes.

It may also seem a little late in the day to be complaining about the upsurge of mindless xenophobia which distinguished much of the Press coverage at the time. "Those Argie wogs are cunning sods" is not, I think, a quote from any British newspaper, so what precisely is its function in this piece?

More damagingly, the script consciously (indeed, self-consciously) borrows from *Henry V*: "O for a brace of Exocets that would ascend..." in tones Rory Edwards's excellently sharp Chorus. The

problem with this is that even cod-Shakespeare needs to be written by a dramatic poet.

Here, whenever the script's rhymed doggerel threatens to run out of puff, an injection of obscenities sends it staggering onward. All of the characters swear practically all of the time, not excepting Maggie Steele's gallant stab at a Thatcher impersonation (aka Maggot Scratcher, aka Stanton's Pimp and Bill Stewart's Nit (Pym and Nott)).

The virtues of the author's production are more manifest, with five submitters describing balletic patterns on the chalked silhouette of HMS Conqueror to the beat of a drum — they imitate pistons, parody physical jerks and write letters home in unison — and the stark lighting is especially effective.

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